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RECORDS OF SPORT IN THE GUDDUM AND
GOLCONDAH HILLS.

By F. T. P.

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December 1876.)*

GETTING tired of this, I insisted on going into the forest, and the *mahout* at the same time said he was sure he had heard animals moving in the forest to our right, leading the way. I had scarcely gone 50 yards, picking out my way amongst loose stones, when an exclamation from the *mahout* made me look up, and there, within 20 yards of me, was a middling-sized bull. Before I could get the rifle down, he was away. I took a snap shot and thought I had missed, as I neither heard the speed of the bullet nor saw any signs of faltering in the bison, but in following up, we saw one solitary sticky drop of blood. The bull had been joined by a cow, and they ran up a hill-side and we followed. After a while they separated, the bull going down into a valley and making for a dense belt of jungle about two miles off. We kept on the tract of the cow, and after going about three miles came upon a herd feeding on the hill-side. They were very wide awake and took to moving off at once, though they had not seen us and were at least 200 yards off. I was pretty well done up, but took a shot with the 150 yards flap up with the big rifle at the nearest bison, whether young bull or cow I could not tell. I thought I had missed as I saw the ball strike beyond, but as we found blood, I fancy I only grazed its back. The herd luckily took the road we had to follow, so we followed in

their tracks. In about two hours we came on the same herd again, but quite in the open and well on the *qui vive*. We were under cover, but even here they twigged us, and an impertinent cow snorted and kept facing me about 90 yards off. I was very unsteady, but using a rock as a rest, I fired the big rifle, aiming at her chest; the result *nil*, though on going down we found a few drops of blood. The herd went up the hill, and we off to where we had left the *huttee*. We lost no time in making for home where we got at 3 P.M.; having had nothing to eat all day, P. got nothing.

Saturday, 19th.—P. having had enough of these hills, proposed going down to the plains. General B. had given me the names of several places, where, many years ago in company with W. F. and others, he had had capital sport. To these localities we had sent a man of mine and two of P.'s, and told them to join us here; but as they have not done so, my comrade voted we should return to Nursepatam and start afresh. Sorely against my own wishes I consented. P. went direct by the road to Lumsingi, I through the jungles, directing that my pony and breakfast should be left for me about five miles off, where there was a small village; but these by some mistake were taken on to within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the Police Station, and a nice trudge I had of it, and did I not bless the beasts who had not obeyed orders! I started very early and made straight for the place I had killed the two cows at. Here finding no fresh marks, and my guides being only too fond of keeping to the open, I took a line of my own and took them into a forest between two stiffish ranges. Whilst resting for a while here, I thought I saw the horns of a bison; but before I could get hold of the binoculars, they had disappeared; but on going to the spot, we saw the fresh marks of a large solitary bull, which we followed through forest and fields for two hours, till reaching a hill-side we sat down to rest; the hill was a mass of bamboo clumps, and on our getting up to resume our tracking, I heard a noise and tried to silence my followers who were disputing as to the way the bison had gone. Before I could do so I saw a pair of horns, about 50 yards from me, so huge that I took them for a buffalo's, and damned the poor brute for getting in the way as I thought. Another half-second, and out came the savage-looking head, shoulders and the hump of about the finest bison I ever saw. Had I but got my rifle ready

when I first saw the horns, I think I could have killed him easily, but that moment's hesitation saved him his skin, and lost me about the largest and most savage-looking head I ever saw, and I have killed some whoppers in my time. Before I could remedy my folly and throw the rifle to my shoulder, with a snort he had disappeared! I followed till 12, then remembering I had a long march before me, I reluctantly left him and turned off; but I hope to get him yet, for I don't think he will leave that locality of which he is probably the lord and master. Whilst following him up, we put up a herd of sambur. My *shikari* says he saw a fine buck amongst them; I did not; those hill-men will not follow up the solitary bulls; they funk them; they are plucky enough whilst dealing with the herds as they consist of cows and calves; but once get them on to the trail of a bull, they will purposely lose it or track up so slowly, every now-and-then coughing either to give the brute warning or to prevent your coming up with it. My own *shikaris* were just as bad, and between them I was nearly driven mad, and fear made use of some very choice though not elegant language. It is very well for our present G. G. to talk of forbearance to niggers, but I wish he would take a trip *incog* as plain John Smith and try shooting bison in these hills, and he would probably soon vote Mr. Fuller, Leeds, &c., perfect angels instead of fiends. It is very difficult to keep one's hands off these people at times, they are such liars and do aggravate one so. Having lost our bison we made for where the pony and breakfast ought to have been. We got there at half-one, but no pony, no grub; and though I was as lame as a cat, and had been walking through long grass and up and down hills from 5 A.M., I found I had still to trudge it till 4½ P.M. When I met my pony and grub within 1½ miles of Lumsingi, somebody caught it; I won't say who, for fear of the powers that be ———. It poured the greater part of the day, and to add to our miseries, we were like drowned rats the greater part of the day.

Sunday, 20th.—I went off before day light towards the salt lick to look for traces of bison, whilst P. went down the ghat. As usual Nokanah had told a lie; the salt lick lay a good six miles off instead of two, as I had been led to expect. There were no fresh marks, but it is evident bison come here now and then. I took up the spoor of a very big bull about two days old and followed him up through

forests for several miles; but eventually, as usual, lost his tracks, and seeing a herd of spotted-deer I went after them. There were only does, but as we wanted meat, I picked out one and brought it down with the Express. I got back to Lumsingi at 10½, breakfasted, and started for Kondesenla at 11, and got there at 1½ P. M. I saw a sambur and a four horned deer *en route*, but did not get a shot. Found P. at Kondesenla; he had shot a so-called jungle sheep *en route*. This animal, though it barks like the muntjac, is really an antelope; Jerdon calls it *Tetraceros quadricornis* and it seems common enough on these hills. He says, "the venison of this antelope is rather dry and is not held in much estimation." On the contrary, I don't think the flesh of any other antelope or deer in India can bear comparison with it. We found it particularly juicy and tender, the only decent bit of meat we had the whole trip. We left for Nursepatam at 3 P. M. and got there at 6. No news of our *shikaris*.

Monday, 21st.—P. went after spotted-deer, but saw none; I after antelope. I wounded a buck but lost him in one of the numerous fields of cultivation into which he ran and lay down. The whole plain was covered with groups of people tilling their fields, so the shooting was very dangerous and I would not go out again. Our *shikaris* turned up in the afternoon; they had visited the localities we had mentioned. At Soondracottah there were then no bison, but further on at a place called Lodode they had seen a large bull and a herd of cows. They reported the existence of buffalo at the foot of the ghats on the Toonee side, but neither P. nor I believed them. There was a tiger knocking about, about 20 miles off, but it would have been like looking for a needle in a stack of hay, so we gave up that idea. To get to Lodode we should have to go some 60 or 70 miles, and it appears it had already been shot over by some sportsmen from Coconada, one of the party having a narrow escape, having been floored by an old bull he had wounded. So I determined to return to Lumsingi and go about amongst the different villages, pulling up in a Beechohah which I took with me. My comrade determined to try his luck in the plains, so we agreed to separate. In the afternoon P. went after antelope, but did not get any.

Tuesday, 22nd.—I did not go out, but made all arrangements for going back to our late diggings, sending off my

traps to Kondesenla. P. went out morning and evening, and each time brought back a buck antelope.

Wednesday, 23rd.—I started at 3 A. M., and got to Kondesenla at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 A. M. I visited the salt lick and found so many fresh marks of bison—and some of them very large—that I determined to halt here to-day and look them up in the morning. I sent on all my things except a very few and put up at a clearance within $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile of the lick. I tried for sambur during the day, but saw none, though it is evident they are plentiful enough. We had very heavy rain all the afternoon and night. I heard bears squabbling about a quarter of a mile off, but was too lazy to go after them.

Thursday, 24th.—Out at day-light; after last night's rain the walking very heavy; we took up the spoor of a very big bull and might have got up to it as we could hear it moving ahead of us, when some wretched wood-cutters frightened it by chopping away at a tree close by. He then went over and through the most frightful ground, but at 9 A. M. we found he had joined a herd. The trail became easier, and at 10 we heard the inevitable snort, and off they went. They had not seen us, so were not much alarmed, but we had no time to follow up as we had our march up the ghat to Lumsingi to think of; so we went back to our clearing which we reached at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; breakfasted and started up the ghat at 12 $\frac{1}{4}$. It rained cats and dogs the whole way, and when we got to the Police Station found that my Pattern man had taken everything on to the salt lick, where my tent was pitched. I had my bed however, though no change of clothes. We made a fire, stript, and dried our things in the best way we could. As all the rum had gone on, I had to open a bottle of Exshaw to serve out to my dependants, who were half drowned.

Friday, 25th.—Started early, and had to put on clothes but half dried. Liar Nokanah accompanied me. He swore he had regularly visited the licks, and had marked down the places to which the old bulls went, the truth being he had not been there once. Found the tent at "Gungaree" about half a mile from the lick; it rained steadily till 12, and then cleared up a bit; so I thought I might venture out; but I had been gone scarcely an hour, when it recommenced to pour and did not cease till next morning. The mosquitoes were rather bad here, they are very small but very venomous. At the salt lick we saw marks of a very

large herd and easily followed them through the plain ; they then ascended a high hill and it was not so easy to trace them here. The whole time it was pouring, and I put the rifles into their water-proof covers. We got to the top of the hill which is perfectly level covered with grass from four to five feet high, and took refuge under a bamboo-clump from the pouring rain. Presently one of the villagers, in great excitement, pointed to the grass about 50 paces off, and looking in the direction I first saw, as I thought, the head and ears of a doe sambur, and then those of her *butcha* just in front of her. The men swore they were bison, and urged me to fire ; as I could not see the vestige of a horn I would not do so ; but thinking the herd might be close by, I took the rifles out of their covers and sat down. Something frightened the animals in front of us, and they both rushed forward, the calf passed within touching distance, its long tail well over its back ; the cow, paralyzed with astonishment, pulled up within eight or ten yards ; she was a very young one with scarcely any horns. The men urged me to fire, but I refused, and allowed it to follow the calf without hindrance. Now the odd part is, when I first saw them, judging by the ears, I said they were sambur ; the men, that they were bison. When they jumped up and were perfectly visible within a few yards, with their long tails over their backs, I saw they were young bison. The men swore they were sambur ! They were much disgusted with me for not firing. We then walked along the plateau, and one of the men twigged a bison a long way off. I did not see it, but went very carefully in the direction he pointed out ; I had to go much further than I expected, but at last in a clump of trees, I heard the usual snort ; saw nothing, but knew the quarry had gone ; got home at dark. Everything inside the tent wet and damp.

Saturday, 26th.—Up very early and off to the salt lick ; not a bison had been there. We visited four or five remote licks, but not a mark of a bison. I climbed the highest hill where the men said bison always retired to for the day. But though there were many recent forms, not a fresh trail or a beast could we find. We walked all over this and the adjacent hill, but every bison had taken its departure, though not a shot had been fired at them. Got back to the tent about 12. Went out in the afternoon but saw nothing. Nokanah turned up in the evening ; I had sent him off to a village about six miles off to find out about bison. He

reported having been there, and that there were lots of bison. He had been home and never to the village in question.

Sunday, 27th.—Moved to Borsinghi about eight miles off; sent a part of the things off to Chintapilly under charge of a servant and one of the *shikaris*, keeping just a few things myself. We got there at 8 A.M., and I at once sent off Nokanah to the salt lick and he returned about 12, reporting heaps of fresh marks. Had the tent pitched and made myself comfortable. In the afternoon went after bison taking two villagers with me as well as Nokanah. Before we got to the lick he was supposed to have visited this morning, he tried to lead us astray, taking up old marks; this roused my suspicions, and I insisted on going to the lick where there had not been a bison for days. The truth then came out; he had never been to the village, he had never been to the lick! So I gave him a kick behind and sent him about his business. We then went to other licks, but there were no recent signs. We went over lovely country, hills, wood, and bamboo, just the place for bison, but could not see one. As I was very seedy, I sent a man to bring my pony to a distant lick, which we determined to visit. We had several miles to go and for a long time saw nothing. At last unexpectedly on the banks of a *nullah*, heavily wooded, a bison snorted several times; I rushed forward, but was only in time to see a dark object disappear, and to hear many others bolting away. Following was useless, but the cause of all this commotion very unwisely ran up the bank lower down and stood about 200 yards off, presenting a tempting raking shot. Taking the Express, pulling up the 200 yards flap, I took a careful sight and fired; the bull got it fairly, and I saw at once it was done for; it ran however about 50 yards before falling dead. On the report of the rifle the whole herd ran across. I took a snap shot at a big cow, but forgot to put the flap down, so I cut off the branch of a tree instead of killing the bison! The bull, though nearly full grown, could not have been more than four years old, and his head was worth nothing, but it certainly proved that an Express 577 bore, with five drachms of powder, was able to kill any thing, even at long distances. We met my pony about three miles from home; but I was glad of the mount as I felt very weak and was rapidly losing flesh. I had not strength to hold a rifle steadily. Two Police men came in, going their rounds, and

one of them happened to be a hill-man of these parts, and he told me he could take me to some licks, if I would go with him, which I agreed to do.

Monday, 28th.—Started by torch-light for a lick some six miles off, hoping to get there at break of day. At the lick we only saw fresh marks, and these are followed up, and came upon marks of many solitary bulls, but the men funk'd following them up; and though I forced them to do so as long as I could track them myself, directly I was at fault; they pretended to lose it too. I should have liked to have half killed them all round. At last seeing it was hopeless expecting to do any thing with such men, I sent for my pony, which was at a village about three miles off, and went to visit the only remaining salt lick.

(To be continued.)

SHOOTING IN KULU.

BY WANDERER.

DURING this year's shooting season, the spirit has been willing and the flesh not weak, but circumstances over which I have had literally no control have combined to prevent my doing much with the rifle on the hill-side; the cares and anxieties of a Benedict added to the horrors of a "Garrison Course" to be faced, have substituted home duties and vulgar fractions, in lieu of the rifle and gun. I can however send you a few lines regarding a day or two's sport that I managed to get in June, though I fear the readers of the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* must be almost surfeited with accounts of hill-shooting, and I can only hope that other sportsmen who have lately wandered into virgin districts, say GILGIT and STOR, may give us the benefit of their experiences; I am afraid that most think, and not unjustly, that a record of published sport is only another way of sending shoals of eager hunters into districts that a favored few would like to keep preserved, and although I cannot help agreeing with them to a certain extent, yet to keep up a *Sporting Magazine* to its pristine vigor, we must get something new, fresh, and startling.

I wish I could give you all three, but as I cannot, I must perforce jot down but a few ordinary hunting details.

Accompanied by B. and a few "incumbrances," we reached the head of the Kulu Valley by the usual well-known route on the 1st June, B. and I were anxious to get some shooting, but had only a few days to spare, our leave being limited; leaving the "incumbrances" comfortably located in the forest officer's house at M, we started on the second for a valley to the west running up towards the Lahoul Range. We took a couple of local *shikaris* and I had two Goorkhas with me by name Bulbeer and Birkee, both active little sportsmen and hard-workers. The Kulu men informed us *en route* that the valley we were making for, had not during the present season been disturbed; I knew it of old, when in the days of Col. Markham and his confreres G. and D. of the Forest Department, it had enjoyed a well-merited reputation as a certain find for ibex, thar and bear, but of later years I had heard that its glories had quite departed, and I had in my numerous shooting trips into the interior always passed it by; so it was not with, by any means, hopeful feelings that I turned up it this year, however having only a few days at command, I thought we might as well try it and consider ourselves fortunate if we came across a bear or two or the ghosts of the departed ibex of days gone by.

Our first night's camp was pitched by a stream in a deep gorge densely clad with pine forests; a stroll in the evening after bear resulted in nothing but their tracks being seen, and not liking the look of the ground we struck camp next day and moved it three miles higher up to where the main valley came to an end and branched off into two small lateral valleys to the right and left, their extremities closed by the snowy peaks of the higher ranges, there was much less wood about, in fact only on the lower slopes near camp, and it looked altogether more promising for game than I had at first imagined; for a shepherd we met on the way, reported that he had seen ibex amongst the higher ground and that brown bears were numerous, an unfordable torrent ran past our camp dividing us from the shooting ground, and might have proved a cause of delay had it not been bridged over most conveniently by snow bridges.

On the afternoon of the 3rd June I went up over the western *nullah*, and had much snow walking before reaching the higher feeding grounds where I hoped to find traces

of ibex. I saw nothing except numerous moonal pheasant and a brown bear cub on my way back, and I proved that this *nullah* at least held no ibex. B. was seedy and did not turn out. Whilst we were enjoying our after-dinner pipe by the camp fire, I heard an extraordinary noise like dogs fighting, and knowing that the shepherds who were encamped below us had dogs of sorts, I paid no attention, till a sudden cry of *balloo ātā hai* made me jump up for my rifle. One of the Goorkhas meanwhile fired, and just as I got my gun out of the tent, a black bear howled past within a few yards and disappeared in the gloom of the pine forest before I could slip in a cartridge; it appeared that two bears had been growling round the camp fires of our men and that directly one was seen; my orderley had fired and the shot, though a chance one, took effect, for next morning B., whilst out tracking for bear, came on the dead body of our midnight visitor not 50 yards from camp. The same morning taking my two Goorkhas and a Kulu *shikari*, I started for the eastern *nullah*, directing our bedding and a day's rations to follow. B. took the ground opposite camp, but did not start out till some time after I had left camp.

A long and steep ascent through fir and birch forest brought me just as the sun had well risen to some bare grassy slopes running under high precipitous cliffs. We went along under these for some time without seeing a sign of life till we came close under the snowy range and there we at last saw a single ibex, the glasses showed that it was a female and that we were likewise "spotted;" she was standing on a sloping slab of rock in a cleft of the rocky ravine opposite us, and thinking she might be only the "sentinel" of a herd, we lay down and watched her for some time; all the time we were doing so, her conduct puzzled us, for she did nothing but clamber up and down the rock she was on; a careful look through the glasses convinced us that she could not, owing to the steepness of the upper face of the cliff, get up, but we could not understand why she could not find her way out below; or in fact how she had got into such an unibex-like fix. One of the Goorkhas now got blood-thirsty, said that there was nothing else to shoot, and that ibex meat was a great treat owing to its goat-like flavour, and would I let him go and shoot it. Permission granted; one of them started on the stalk, taking one of their own blunderbusses; the wretched ibex now made frantic efforts to get out of the cleft and just as the

Goorkha had got well above and was preparing to descend to take his shot, she disappeared. I went on towards the ravine she had been in, rather glad that she had saved her bacon; when just as I reached the edge of the ravine, our lady friend again showed, and at the same time we saw the beaming countenance of our dusky sportsman above; he made signs that he could not see the ibex, and begged me to fire, which I am ashamed to say I did, and though I secured the men their dinner, felt worse than a murderer and thought that luck must now certainly leave me for breaking through a rule I had ere this always religiously kept not to fire at female game. May your readers forgive me, it was "not a little one," but it was honestly the only female ibex I had ever shot.

We had great difficulty in getting on to the slab and had to sling the Kulu *shikari* down and up; the ibex must have jumped down on to the slab and thus got fixed. My shots alarmed a herd of ibex which under the lee of the cliff had escaped our notice, and as if to pay me off for letting loose on the female, they all made off across the snow to the highest ranges, several decent males amongst them. Feeling justly punished, I could but gaze on the retreating herd and wonder where in that region of snow they would get their evening meal. The ibex seemed to be of the same opinion, for after a while they descended again and went straight off one by one into a ravine lower down. It was too late in the day and the ground much too bad for us to have followed up in time to get a shot, so we left them for the morrow and selected a place for bivouac; whilst doing so a brown bear showed on a flat a couple of miles below us. As I wanted a skin we raced down as hard as we could, sliding down convenient slopes of old snow, but no bruin rewarded our efforts; when the flat was reached, it was empty, and a long search was equally fruitless. It was now nearly dark, so stretching our Macintoshes over boughs of juniper we soon extemporized decent shelter and turned in with hopes and prayers for better sport in the morning.

Before day broke on the 5th June we had struck camp and acting on the advice of our Kulu Nimrod made straight up the gorge which faced our night's bivouac, intending first to hunt the ground at its head, and if unsuccessful to work round for the ibex we had seen yesterday; as soon as it was light we started up the bed of the gorge over long reaches

of snow; to the left the mountain sides were broken up into a succession of narrow gullies with steep and precipitous sides, to the right the ground was as bare though not quite so broken, whilst the head of the gorge was completely blocked by sloping masses of snow running down from the main range, a few small flats on the tops of the different lateral ravines had grass on them, and on one of these shortly after starting I saw two white specks; the binoculars revealed them to be ibex, but the distance was too great to show whether they were big ones or not. We went on for another half a mile, and then a good look proved that the pair were heavy males, they had finished feeding and were making for one of the gullies to our left; so keeping quiet we waited till they had crossed the face of a scarped hill and were out of sight and then struck up the hill-side and commenced the stalk; on arriving at the edge of the gully into which they had gone, I saw it was impossible to get a shot from where we were; the ibex kept moving about the centre of the ravine, and a narrow ledge along which I crawled terminated in a sheer precipice and from that across and up to the ibex was fully 500 yards, the only plan was to get back and stalk from above. I accordingly did so and after a hard hour's climb found myself well over the spot where we had last seen our friends. They had moreover moved into a regular *cul de sac* higher up, and on looking into the gully I saw to my delight one of the ibex rubbing his horns under a rock not more than 100 yards below me. Taking my Express my first shot dropped him, but I fired two more as I wished to stop his toppling over the side of the precipice; the other ibex hearing the shots moved slowly off up the cliff giving me a broadside shot. I let drive two shots at him hitting him with both; he fell, but to my great disgust rolled over and over some hundreds of feet till brought up by the snow over the torrent of the gorge below. Leaving the Kulu man to get the horns of the first ibex, I descended to the bottom of the gorge after the other one, and an awkward business it was getting down. We found our ibex, the body a complete jelly, one of the horns splintered at base and the other badly smashed some inches from the top, the Kulu *shikari* soon joined us saying he could not possibly get at the other ibex. My Goorkha orderly however volunteered to go up somehow and bring its horns away, and to my delight he effected his object; like the Kuluite he was unable to get at the ibex either from

the top of the cliff or from where I had fired. He then went right down to the bottom of the gully and across a nasty sloping precipice on the far side and eventually after six hours' hard work brought off the ibex horns; the body he rolled down over the side. I have seldom seen better climbing than was done this day by my orderley, the ground was bad all about, but where he went decidedly dangerous; it was late in the evening when I rejoined B. at camp, the ibex shot measured, one $36\frac{1}{2}$ and the other 36 inches round the curve, the base of the thickest horn was $12\frac{1}{2}$, they were a very good pair for Kulu and I felt satisfied. B. had bagged two bears, one brown and one black, the last-named gave him some trouble and sent his spare gun-bearer flying. On the 6th we returned to M. and a day or two after left Kulu.

A DARK MORNING'S RIDE.

BY YOICKS.

THERE are incidents in every individual's career through life which, in spite of the lapse of time, are forcibly retained in the memory, while others and more startling ones which precede or succeed them, are imperceptibly erased and fade away gradually, leaving not the fabric of a vision behind to indicate their very existence. Circumstances that occurred a quarter of a century ago are indelibly imprinted in our memory, whereas those which have taken place within the last few years are consigned to oblivion regardless of their importance. The reason for such a state of things can only be referred to those secret springs and actions of the human mind which the boasted intellect of man has vainly attempted to unravel. Now to my story.

It was in the summer of 185—that the scene of the following adventures is laid. Although it is more than twenty years that the writer of these pages met with the haps and mishaps recorded here, the occurrences of that eventful morning recur to him at this distance of time with a vividness which only death can obliterate. Having obtained the loan of six elephants from the military officer in charge of the kheddahs at Chillumpore, to beat up a tiger and tigress

that had committed serious depredations in the neighbourhood of a large village within a few miles of the station in the way of destroying some fine heads of cattle, I prepared to start after them at an early opportunity. The rains had just set in and patches of outlying grounds were under water, it was therefore necessary that I should ride out a few miles before adopting offensive operations against Stripes and his consort. After a night's sound rest I awoke as I thought at 4 A. M., the hour of two, tolled from the monster belfry of a church close by, being mistaken by me for the last two strokes of four. To add to the delusion, when I came down stairs with the last pair of guns (for I was obliged to carry them two by two, there being no one astir at this early hour) my eyes instinctively fell on the clock above the entrance to the dining-room, and I saw that it was twenty minutes past four. This assured me still more that I was correct in my calculation of the hour; but in the hurry of the moment it escaped me to observe whether the clock was actually ticking, the fact being that it had stopped the previous evening at that hour, and we had forgot to wind it. To arouse the gate-keeper and pass on to the stables, was the work of a few minutes. Here I found the syces all locked fast in the arms of Somnus, and had some difficulty in stirring them up. I saddled my pony, and after seeing two of the syces off with six of my guns and rifles to the *Peelkhanah* for the elephants, I took with me a single smooth bore loaded with ball, and jumping on the tat galloped away towards my destination under a brilliant moonlight. On passing the Central Jail the sentry at the gate challenged me, and on my replying to him, asked me where I was proceeding to at such an early hour. Without heeding him at all I urged on my steed and was soon on the outskirts when a policeman, an old retainer of the family but then employed in the local thannah, accosted me and begged of me to remain at the station till daylight. Had he told me it was gone two o'clock, I should certainly have made a short halt; but as it was, I galloped on ahead till I reached the Greek cemetery where, to my utter astonishment, the moon went down and left me immersed in Cimmerian darkness. I had just reined in my pony and reduced the canter to a walk when I distinctly heard the stroke of three from the distant church!!! Dark masses of clouds now came flitting across the firmament driven along by gusts of a sharp southerly

breeze. A few moments more, and my situation was critical in the extreme. I now realized to the full extent the awfulness of my position. The only discreet course left me was to go back to the police station for an hour at least, after which break I could have safely continued my journey. It was however too late to think of such a proposition. To speak in the language of Oriental hyperbole, the finger of warning was raised to the lips of caution, and the voice of prudence whispered in the ears of infatuation, but they were unheeded. False pride—that besetting sin of youth—immediately came to the rescue and propped up my foolish determination. The way my vanity reasoned with myself was thus :—Was I, the cut of whose back no wild animal had yet seen, to turn away and show the white feather in the moment of danger? What would my friends and acquaintances say when they came to hear of this ludicrous affair? How could I stand their gibes and jeers? To be made the laughing stock of the community in which I moved, was never to be entertained for a moment; so I resolved to proceed. Trusting to the instinct of my pony, which had travelled dozens of times over the same road on previous occasions, I let him have his way only seating myself more firmly on the saddle with the loaded gun resting on the pommel, prepared for any emergency. Passing the Race Course I took the direct route to the shooting ground. It lay between two immense forests with openings here and there. On approaching a Munnipoory village I heard a number of jackals fighting over what appeared to me a carcase. These primitive people are very poor in these parts, and, as I afterwards learnt, when the state of their funds does not permit of their completely burning the corpse of a deceased relative or friend, they merely apply a little fire to the mouth and desert the body to be dispatched by wild animals. Before I could distinguish any object in the dark, my tat came to a sudden stand-still. A tremor ran through his body. Presently I saw the form of an animal of the shape and size of a large leopard crossing my path. His eyes, like pieces of burning coals, were invariably directed towards me, and in the slouching manner common to these animals he made for the opposite jungle; but never for a moment did he lose sight of, nor take them off, me till he had got behind a bush which completely hid him. I waited for some time to make sure that he was at a respectable distance before I urged the

pony onward, as I could distinctly hear his footsteps as he picked his way over dried leaves and twigs for a hundred yards or more. Under these circumstances, to have fired at the outline of his body without making sure of my shot would have been fool-hardy to the last degree, for had I missed him which I was almost sure of doing, the danger from the runaway horse with a discharged gun in hand was of itself sufficient to deter me from such a rash course. On the other hand, if the pony stood still, petrified as he was with fear, my doom was sealed. Considering all things, I was perfectly justified in not acting on the offensive with such odds against me. I now commenced my lonesome march without any further adventure save a rush to the right or to the left, as small herds of deer or pigs, disturbed in their nocturnal feed by the clattering of the pony's hoofs on the sun-baked ground, ran away at his approach. The faintest streak of dawn was now observable in the eastern horizon when I approached the village of Taltullee where some elephants were quartered, the property of one of the best men and gallant sportsmen that ever handled a rifle, now alas no more! When within a few hundred yards of the place, I heard a great din and noise in the direction I was going. Elephants trumpeting to the top of their lungs, *mahouts* with firebrands in their hands vociferating loudly to their charges to keep them quiet. In the stillness of the morning hour it was truly a weird sight to witness. I immediately guessed what it was all about, and reining in my horse took him on one side of the road and on to the jungle. Here I remained perfectly quiet awaiting the issue. In a few minutes all was hushed, and I could distinctly hear the drivers laughing over the incident and talking among themselves in a more re-assuring tone. This convinced me that confidence had been restored among them. I then emerged from the forest and slowly picked my way forward. When within a few yards of the encampment the jemadar of the party challenged me. I replied and galloped off towards him. On reaching the place every one expressed his great astonishment at my being abroad so early, and then related how a few minutes before a tiger and tigress had passed that way roaring lustily which caused a panic among the elephants and themselves. Having alighted from the horse, I made it over to one of the boys, and seating myself on one of the *guddies* that were lying about, uttered a short prayer of thanksgiving to merciful Provi-

dence for the narrow escape I had just made from the jaws of death. Had I met these beasts, there would have been no one to tell the tale of our meeting. Shortly afterwards I heard other voices at a distance which were proceeding from my party who joined us in about a quarter of an hour, but could give me no account of the tigers that had passed that way. Giving the elephants a few minutes' rest I mounted one of them and set off in pursuit. The clouds had been driven away and a fine morning burst forth. After beating about the grass lands, where we bagged about three or four deer, we met a villager coming along a deer's run. We asked him if he had heard of a tiger infesting these parts. The word 'no' had scarcely left his lips, when the *mahout* on one of the beaters called out 'Shere' and pointed to the right end of the line of elephants. At a distance of 150 yards from me a magnificent tiger was making his way carefully over some thorny shrubs, evidently anxious to give us a wide berth; every now and then turning his head on one side and exposing a set of ivories that was enough to send a thrill of excitement through me though I would have been very sorry to have had my arm or leg between them. Although it was not at all a safe distance, I made up my mind to hazard a snap shot and try to turn than let him off scot-free. So taking up a heavy smooth bore I let him have right and left. He came straight on to the charge, though not at me. In less time than it takes me to write, he was right on the head of one of the pad elephants. The driver contrived to slip on to its back while the elephant managed to extricate itself, and bolted right off the ground. This gave me a splendid opportunity, and as he approached in a standing posture with his jaws wide apart I gave him the contents of another two barrels which caught him right on the chest and bowled him over clean on his back. He rallied once more, but I saw it was a hopeless game. He was standing at about one hundred and fifty yards off with his mouth almost touching the ground, disgorging large quantities of blood. The bullets had penetrated his lungs. My feelings revolted at the sight of this noble animal brought to such a miserable plight. Approaching to within twenty yards of where he was standing, I gave him a snuff-box through his brains, and he quietly dropped down dead. We now left his carcase and scoured the country round about for miles in search of his mate, but she was nowhere

to be found. It appears she managed to slink away in the confusion attending the contest with her lord and master, and gave leg bail. We lost her for good, and as the sun was getting rather powerful we returned homewards with a heavy heart at the disappointment. The tiger I had shot measured, as far as I recollect from memory, a few inches short of ten feet, but the skin when cured was a splendid specimen of Master Stripes' coat, so soft and glossy. Such were the adventures of that memorable morning in the month of July 185—which can never be obliterated from my recollection.

SPORT ON THE NEILGHERRY HILLS.

BY MOOKILA.

VERY different now, alas, to what it was in those palmy days, the OLD FOREST RANGER writes of so graphically. To bag a sambur now you must work for it, and work hard too, generally. There are plenty of tigers and panthers on these hills, in fact they are more numerous than formerly, but they are most cunning brutes, and it is very difficult to get a shot at them.

However I don't complain, as I think I get my share of what's going, in the shape of sambur, at any rate; and it is about the death of one of these that I am now going to write. I must first say that my bungalow is situated near the edge of the hills, where steep ravines run down almost to the low country, which ravines are tolerably sure finds for sambur, if you care to encounter the work. They are also likely places for tigers, which sneak up from below, and quietly retire again after having eaten a few cattle.

I had been out all the morning, and had returned about one o'clock, when a native came to the bungalow, and said there was a big stag feeding with some Todah buffaloes at the head of one of these ravines. There had been a slight shower in the morning, after which it had become very hot (for the hills), and I thought it probable that the sambur, dialiking the dripping in the sholah, had come out to dry himself, and have a feed at the same time. I took a rifle and went to the place, which was about a mile off

On reaching it, the Todah, who was watching the buffaloes, said the stag had gone down the side of the sholah for some distance, and then gone through to the other side, and finally had lain down in the long grass. He pointed to something which he said was the stag's horns, which he swore were four feet in length. I received this statement with considerable allowance, as I find the natives generally have rather vivid imaginations; on another occasion one of them going to the length of giving horns to a *hind*. I could not see anything in the grass, but took the man's word for it, and asked what was to be done. One of them proposed to creep down our side of the ravine, until we were a little lower than the stag, and then go quietly through the sholah to the other side, when, if all went well, I should get a good shot at him as he made off down hill.

There was a clump of rocks above him, so that he could not go upwards. This seemed about the best plan, so I at once proceeded to put it in execution. Cautiously we went down, holding our breath every time a stone moved. As I said before, it was very hot, not a breath of air was stirring, and, as the perspiration streamed down my face, I wondered if this was what HAWKEYE would call the "poetry of sport." However, a thought of the stag prevented my getting careless, and we descended beautifully till we had reached the point we had marked from above. Now was the anxious moment. Suppose the stag should hear us going over the dry twigs and leaves, and make his rush before I could get through the sholah! We went in, and found that although the ground was covered with dry sticks, &c., yet, as it was very rocky, we could step from one stone to another without making a sound. On getting to the other side, I found myself in grass 6 feet high. For some moments I dare not stir, as, if we had marked our points correctly, we were within 40 yards of the sambur. At length I got cautiously on a fragment of rock, which raised my head about three feet above the grass. On looking round I was surprised to see nothing of the stag, and wondered what had become of him. I beckoned the native close and asked for his opinion. He was certain the stag was still there, and said he would give a yell to rouse him. He *did* yell, but with no result. Again and again he shouted, but no sambur. I began to despair, and took off my hat to wipe my face, putting

the rifle over my shoulder, and already eyeing the hill I had to climb on my return. As a forlorn hope the man began flinging stones about, so I told him to go and see for himself that the stag was gone. He said "yes," and, shying his last stone, advanced through the grass to satisfy himself. Another instant, and I heard a crash and a rush, and saw the head and shoulders of a large stag going full speed through the scrub. I was completely taken by surprise, but, dropping my hat and handkerchief, put up the rifle crack! I saw him stagger through the smoke; another 30 yards, and he was down, dyeing the long grass with his life-blood; the bullet had gone through his heart. The horns were very thick and symmetrical, but only 30 inches long, which did not disappoint me, as I hardly expected more. He was a very big stag, with numerous scars from former fights, in which, I imagine from his size and weight, he probably often came off victorious. Good heads are scarce now-a-days, and I thought myself lucky in getting this one, although nothing like the 39 and 40 inches HAWKEYE tells us of. They, I am afraid, are almost things of the past, on these hills at least. The biggest head a friend of mine has, who has shot over a hundred sambur, is 36 inches and he thinks something of that.

PROTECTION FROM THORNS.

By *Ægis*.

THOSE, who have ridden to hound and hog in countries, where cactus and prickly pear exist, know well the pitiable state presented by their horses the morning after a hard day; and not only on that day but possibly for many others, for the injuries inflicted by the poisonous spikes of these accursed shrubs are sometimes even permanent. It was in consequence of a severe stab from a cactus thorn, by which a valuable horse was rendered useless for two months, that the writer was induced to turn his attention to the manufacture of a bandage which would protect the knee and fetlock, without interfering with the play of the joints. To a considerable extent success has been achieved, but whether the bandage is perfect can only be proved by extensive trial. It is probable that in this respect it will be found to resem-

ble other human institutions ; but if it excludes even half the thorns that would have penetrated a defenceless limb, and at the same time allows perfect freedom to joint and sinew, it cannot be set down as a failure.

Two descriptions have been made, which have been named the "Shield Bandage," and the "Half-shield Bandage." The "Shield Bandage" protects the whole of the foreleg from knee to foot, whether the knee is flexed or not ; the "Half-shield Bandage" affords the same protection from the knee downwards while the leg is straight, but it is only a partial covering to the knee when bent. It will be said that this defect condemns the bandage at once, as the horse always bends the knee when jumping ; but experience seems to point to the opinion that the severest injuries are received not when the horse is fresh and jumping freely at a fence within his powers, but when he crashes through an obstacle either from being too tired to rise, or because it is too big for him, and in neither of these cases does he bend the knee to any considerable degree.

The bandages are made without springs, elastic or uncommon material of any kind, and, if torn or injured, could be easily repaired ; the principle of their manufacture is quite simple, and in the detail of it alone is there any art ; indeed the success of them mainly depends on workmanship and material. The price of a pair of the "Shield Bandage" pattern is Rs. 5, that of the "Half-shield" pattern Rs. 4, and they can be obtained through the Honorary Secretary, Ahmedabad Hunt Club, who will forward them on receipt of the money and the following measurements :—Length from centre of knee-joint to centre of fetlock-joint, and circumference below the knee ; in addition to which any peculiarities in the shape of the horse's leg should be specified. The "Half-shield Bandage" can be applied to the hind leg with equal facility.

These bandages have been designed specially to resist thorns, but they would be found most useful as a protection to the horse's legs in rocky or stony ground. At any rate the prices are low, and in these days of expensive horses, if the outlay of a few rupees will enable a horse to come out two days running—a rare occurrence here if the first day has been a hard one in a country where the fences come quick—the money will not have been wasted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAMBUR AND BURRA SINGHA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Be good enough to answer the following questions:—

1. Are *Sambur and Burra Singha* Deer one and the same animal called by different names in different parts of India, or are they two distinct species of deer?

2. Are either or both larger or smaller than the Red Deer of Scotland.

Yours faithfully,

STAG.

[*Sambur and Burra Singha* are two distinct species of deer, and no doubt YOUNG NIMROD or HAWKEYE can accurately describe the difference in the appearance of the two. As regards the second question, we invite expressions of opinion from sportsmen who have had opportunities of judging of the size of all these kinds of deer. We have never shot *Burra Singha* ourselves, but without having recorded measurements, should say that a fine red stag is decidedly larger than a fine *sambur* stag.—ED.]

BILLIARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Can you or any of your readers tell me the name of the first celebrated billiard player of modern times, whether he invented the spot stroke, and what is the greatest number of consecutive spot strokes made?

Yours obediently,

CUE.

[Our correspondent no doubt refers to Jonathan Kentfield, who knew nothing, so to speak, of the spot stroke, and indeed gained his reputation on a totally different kind of billiard table to that now in use. Roberts Senior was the next player of eminence, but not, we think, the man who first really utilised the spot stroke. Perhaps some of our readers can tell us to whom the credit of introducing so telling an element of success in the game of billiards as also the greatest number of consecutive spot strokes made.—ED.]

A RACING QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly answer the following query in your next number :—

A has a stable of race horses. B sends him a horse on racing terms ; in whose name should the horse be entered, and is it necessary for A to declare a confederacy with B ? If it be necessary for A to declare a confederacy with B, must he declare it, before the lotteries in which the horse may be sold, or at time of entry ?

Would A and B be confederates in *all* races, in which horses are running from A's stable and in which the particular horse, lent by B to A, is also running ?

Yours faithfully,

G.

[The horse should be entered in A's name, and if that be done nothing can be clearer than that there is no confederacy. If the horse were entered in B's name, and a horse of A's were also running in the same race, then it would be necessary to declare a confederacy, as A has an interest in two horses supposed to be running against each other. This is the whole point of a confederacy. See the Calcutta Confederacy Rule and the note attached.—Ed.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

WRONG NAMES IN (INDIAN) NATURAL HISTORY.—No. 1.

By YOUNG NIMROD.

It strikes me that, those sportsmen who detect inaccuracies with regard to the nomenclature of the animals referred to by others in these pages, ought to come forward and set them right, and we should then find that, the numerous popular misnomers in (Indian) Natural History now prevailing, would gradually disappear. It is with this object in view, therefore, that I purpose to do what little I can in this respect, and hope others may be induced to join me in the crusade against this rapidly increasing evil.

It is not an insignificant subject, as some may suppose, for unless the correct names of the animals mentioned are given, it becomes impossible to identify them, and hence proves a source of endless confusion.

For the purpose of facilitating reference and enquiry, I shall number each one of the subjects noticed by me in consecutive order, and shall assign to them separate headings.

1. *The Goak (Samp) is not the Iguana, but the Monitor Lizard.*—At p. 412, Vol. IX. of the *Maga.*, the *Goak (Samp)* is supposed to be the Iguana, and this opinion is current among most sportsmen. The Iguana, or Tuberculated Lizard, (*I. tuberculata*,) is exclusively confined to the Trans-Atlantic regions, and differs materially from the Lizard in India referred to above, in having imbricated scales along its back, and a pendent pouch below the chin. It is, besides, herbivorous, whilst the Monitor Lizard, (*Varanus draconæ*, Linn.), is carnivorous. The flesh of the Iguana is eaten, and I observe in one of the issues of the *Indian Sporting Review* that, a sportsman taking the Monitor Lizard for the American reptile, partook of soup made out of the flesh of the Indian (Monitor) Lizard. Good, indeed.

2. *The Barā-Singha, and Bārah-Singha are different animals.*—At p. 438, Vol. IX. the vernacular term *Bara-Singha* is applied to the Kashmir Stag, (*Cervus Wallichii*,) and in the account of the Calcutta Zoological Gardens, in the same No. of the *Maga.*, at p. 453, the Ganges Stag, or Swamp Deer, (*Rucervus Duvaucellii*,) is thus designated. This is likely to cause people to confound one of the two animals with the other. The mistake is common enough, and even Jerdon has failed to elucidate the matter. The former, I think, should be called the *Bārah Singha*, or "Twelve-horned," as its horns have usually twelve points, though as many as eighteen points have been counted in some of the species; and, the latter, *Barā Singha*, or "Large-horned."* But, in order to avoid confusion between them, on

* This is an instance of the advantage of accurate transliteration. *Barā*, بَرَا, signifies "large," and *bārah*, بَارَا, "twelve," whilst if commonly written both would become *bārah*, or *bara*. Ponder over this ye who advocate the system, or rather lack of system of spelling Indian names now in vogue.—Y. N.

account of the similarity of the two names, and if a native name must be used to designate the Kashmir Stag, it would be preferable to call it the *Hangal*, as it is usually known as such by the people of the place.

3. *The so-called Toucan of India is the Hornbill.*—In the very interesting description of the Calcutta Zoological Gardens, p. 452 of Vol. IX, there is a passing allusion to "the lordly toucan or hornbill." Now the bird meant was, I presume, the hornbill, and not the toucan. Several species of the latter abound in this country, and they all belong to the family *Ramphastidae*, which appertains to the tribe *Fissirostres*, whilst the toucans are altogether American birds, and is included in the tribe *Scansores*, which are yoke-footed, like parrots, &c. This error is a very prevalent one, and used in days gone by to alternately amuse and annoy our late eminent naturalist, poor old Blyth. *Requiescat in pace.*

KHULNA, JESSOR, }
19th December, 1876. }

P. S.—In my letter *anent* "Deer," for "cows," read "sows." Pigstickers will have, probably, detected the typographical error at once.

REGATTA OF THE CALCUTTA ROWING CLUB.

2ND JANUARY 1877.

To measure, in racing phraseology, the comparative merits of the two first sporting fixtures of the festive week, *viz.*, the Durbar and Regatta, I say unhesitatingly that the Regatta won "hands down, with a couple of stone in hand." It was in every respect most enjoyable, and the thanks of all who attended it are due to the Calcutta Rowing Club for as jolly a day out as they have had a chance of having for some time past. The races were rowed this year at Barrackpore—an innovation on the procedure of past years which was generally voted a great improvement, for Barackpore at this season is the Rosherville of Bengal, and is (or was on the 2nd instant at any rate) *par excellence* the place to spend a happy day. A large party was invited by the Club to witness the races and partake of their hospitality, and they were conveyed to Barrackpore in the *Sir W. Peel*, which left Calcutta at half-past ten with lots of gay bunting floating in the breeze, which was crisp, cool, and refreshing. After a pleasant trip up the river, enlivened by the martial music of H. M.'s 12th Regiment Band, the guests were moved on to a large troop flat anchored at the end of the course, and there found awaiting them an "elegant cold collation," or to drop the Daily Blowgraph style a jolly good tiffin which was pitched into with considerable vigor. Having partaken, all moved on to the upper deck of the flat and took their seats for the business of the day. The *mise en scène* at the moment was remarkably pretty and inspiring. On board the flat, the ravishing toilettes of the numerous ladies present at once attracted the eye, for they were unusually brilliant, the favourite colour seeming to be that of the "fair dove, the fond dove" blended with other

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THIRD RACE—THE SCULLS.

Mr. J. R. Croft, First. Mr. T. S. Edmunds, Second.

Mr. Croft on the strength of his Eton reputation started a hot favourite for this, and justified the confidence placed in him by winning from Mr. Edmunds pretty easily by about four lengths. He sculled in beautiful form; whilst Mr. Edmunds showed his well-known gameness in plodding after him perseveringly from start to finish, but he was outpaced. Distance 1 mile. Time 5ms. 28secs.

The Open Fours not filling, the

FOURTH RACE WAS THE SCRATCH EIGHTS.

First.

1. G. W. F. Buckland.
2. C. Gray.
3. — Godboldt.
4. — Richardson.
5. C. Norman.
6. E. A. Mackintosh.
7. Capt. Riddell.

Stroke—J. R. Croft.
Cox—Dr. Bigge.

Second.

1. R. Miller.
2. W. Aitken.
3. M. R. Wyer.
4. Johnstone Smith.
5. H. M. Jones.
6. — Ritchie.
7. E. Giles.

Stroke—A. A. Lyall.
Cox—R. C. Noble.

This was a splendid race, both boats keeping nearly dead level the whole way, first one and then the other getting a little advantage, and on nearing the winning post it looked as if the Judge would be unable to separate them, but just on the post Dr. Bigge managed to get an extra "squeeze" out of his nags, and won by the shortest of heads, that is to say, by about six feet.

Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Time 2ms. 1sec.

This brought a capital Regatta to a capital conclusion, and I conclude, as I began, by thanking the Calcutta Rowing Club for it, adding the due meed of praise, which is great, to all those concerned in the arrangements, which were in every way perfect.

The members of the Calcutta Club did not part with their newly-acquired and highly-esteemed friends from Bombay at this point, but carried them off to Calcutta, where they entertained them at dinner. Far be it from me to intrude on the privacy of the social board by repeating what there took place, and let it suffice therefore to say that every possible token of friendship and good-will was offered at the shrine of Bacchus. Healths were drunk, eloquent speeches made. Mr. Wyer enchanted his hearers by some most artistic singing, and after carrying unanimously sundry resolutions that every one was a jolly good fellow, and expressing a determination not to go home till morning, which was duly carried into effect, the

party broke up much to the regret of those forming it though much we expect to the delight of the neighbouring sleep-seekers.

That this race may be the first of a long series of races between Calcutta and Bombay, I am sure it is the hearty wish of all lovers of the oar ; and if Bombay cannot again come to Calcutta, I pray Calcutta may be able to go to Bombay ; and wherever and whenever the next race between them comes off, may I be there to see.

F. GOLIGHTLY.

—*The Statesman and Friend of India.*

THE MONTH.

THE sporting newspapers at home are going into Turf statistics as usual, and it would appear that for the last three weeks of the racing season—if indeed there is now any season in which there is no racing—much interest has been created among those who follow such figures with attention, whether the jockey F. Archer would win 200 races or not! The result was that he won 206 and lost 442, and a man or boy who has ridden 648 races in a year cannot be said to have led an idle life. The receipts of the lad must have been enormous, even if the “winning and losing rides” be turned into a corresponding number of five and three guinea payments, and of course the mere fee is a very small portion indeed of what is pocketed by a favourite jockey when he wins a race of the least importance. As we have before observed, there is no one so suddenly rich for his station in life as a first-class light-weight jockey; and if he is only prudent, instead of setting up valets and hunters, he is pretty sure to be a really rich man when he leaves off riding. When Flatman (generally known as “Nat”) won 104 races in one year more than a quarter of a century ago, it was considered an extraordinary achievement, but now Archer has all but doubled that number.

The law of Limited Liability has fostered a great variety of undertakings which would not have been attempted without it. It reached horse-breeding studs some years ago, and we see by an advertisement in the home sporting newspapers that another such Company, styled “The Select Racing Stud,” is about to be formed in England. The prospectus gives the average prices realised at auction-sales of yearlings by the most important breeders of thoroughbred stock, and the lowest average is put at £311-17, while the cost of a yearling to date of sale is estimated at about £175, “including every direct and indirect expense.” If this last allows for barren mares, and for foals and yearlings dying before the sale, there is a good margin certainly, and while several studs have been maintained for years and must therefore have paid, some large fortunes are known to have been made. But, after all, a good deal depends on the management. In this respect, however, the Company under notice ought to do well, as it proposes that the shareholders shall elect the Directors.

The Calcutta Races were a sad falling off from the average of Meetings held there, and of course a great contrast to the Meeting of the previous year. The two great days at Delhi, with 12 races and valuable prizes, had a most injurious effect on Calcutta as on so many other fixtures of about the same time of

the year, and we think the general attractions of the Imperial Assemblage and of Delhi itself had their effect on owners of horses as well as the prizes. The very few actual races that were run at Calcutta gave some surprises, however, as when Orange beat Revenge for the Derby, for instance ; but the Arab crack of the year was short of work. And then there was the defeat of Spec by Fieldfare in the race for the Colonial Stakes. Lord Clifden had no business to be so utterly beaten by Exeter (R. Y.) for the Burdwan Cup Race, which should have been a close thing between them at the weights. But, on the first day, there was a race worth going far to see between Lord Clifden and Satellite for the Prince of Wales's Cup. They ran a dead heat in fair time only, but the deciding heat was run in 3-23 (over the St. Leger Course), which is equal to 3-14 for $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and even without considering the previous heat, the performance has, to the best of our recollection, never been surpassed or even quite equalled in India with the weight carried by the winner Satellite, viz., 11st. Lord Clifden with 9st. 7lbs. up also ran a good horse, and it struck us and others that he might have run better if he chose, as he seemed to be half inclined to "cut it," as the jockeys say. The result of this race shews how judiciously the terms of it were drawn up, though one or two objections were made at the time to the high penalties affecting Kingcraft and Satellite. The only other races worth mentioning were the race between Exeter and Lord Clifden in which the latter was too sore to make anything like a struggle, and consequently Exeter won as he liked. The race for the Merchants' Cup resulted in a field of only four, Mr. Downall's two, Kirby, and Raven. The latter had been coughing badly, and was short of work, and Kirby was not up to the mark, so Mr. Downall won easily with Chorister with whom he had declared to win. We were sorry to see in one of the daily papers some remarks about this race which showed that the writer must have had little or no experience in racing matters, as he would have known that an owner, having two horses in a race, is quite entitled to declare to win with which he likes. In racing, as in other matters, fair criticism is always allowable, but such remarks as those we refer to only recoil on the writer.

The Nasirabad case having been before the Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club, after due consideration of all the circumstances they have disqualified Messrs. Collins and Short until further notice. Cozens, the Jockey, escaped with a severe reprimand and warning, the Stewards taking into consideration the fact that he had not been allowed to ride at Meerut and Sonapore, and also that he has been punished in other ways.

Sportsmen at or within reach of Delhi in future years—and with two Railways running to the City of the Emperors, the phrase

"within reach of" is comprehensive—ought to profit more by the Imperial Assemblage than any other class, as they will have a Race Course, Stand, and Enclosure, all constructed for their use, with no debt on it, and nothing but the cost of repairs to meet. Delhi with this and its railway advantages, and being itself a large station, ought to take a prominent place among the Up-country fixtures hereafter. A full account of the Meeting will be found in the usual place, and we will say no more here than that there was excellent racing, and it need scarcely be said that there was a large attendance.

A propos of Delhi there was a novel kind of lottery got up there without any reference to the races, *viz.*, on the race for the Lieutenant-Governorship of the Punjab, the more or less likely officers, or, in other words, all who were considered in the running for it, being put up for sale one after the other!

The Calcutta Rowing Club have had a capital day at Barrackpore, the event being a four-oared race with the Bombay Boat Club.

The Ballygunge Steeplechase Meeting, which takes place on the 20th and 27th instant, promises to be very good, for in addition to the local cracks, there will probably be found amongst the starters such celebrities as Hurricane (late Warrnambool), Chang, Gameboy, and others, whilst sundry improvements are being made in the Course by the Secretary, who, this year, has had the valuable assistance of Captain Roberts, R. H. A. The following description of the Cups, which are given by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association, may be found interesting, and we may mention that, as heretofore, they have been specially procured from the well-known Silversmiths Messrs. Elkington & Co. of Liverpool.

Ballygunge Cup.—A pair of silver wine-coolers or flower-pot-stands, for the decoration of the dinner-table, highly chased bas reliefs in the Greek period of art, beautifully wrought in a new design and the highest class of workmanship.

Suburban Cup.—A silver and gold teapot, sugarbasin, and cream-ewer, Japanese style of ornamentation, engraved and chased with choice specimens of Japanese art, fitted into a handsome case.

Trial Chase Cup.—A silver cup and cover chased in repoussé work with the national emblems rose, shamrock, and thistle, in bold relief round the body of the cover, the shields on either side being ornamented with corn, barley, hops, &c. Quite a new design and the first made.

The Calcutta Cup.—A silver pitcher engraved very handsomely with different kinds of ferns. A silver salver with rope mounts, also engraved, to match the pitcher, with ferns. Six silver goblets, engraved with ferns and gilt inside.

EXTRACTS.

FLAT RACING AND STEEPLECHASING FIXTURES
IN ENGLAND.

FLAT RACES.

1877.

APRIL.

Durham 2, 3	Wolverhampton 5, 6	Lichfield 17, 18
Manchester 2, 3	Croydon 10, 11	Newmarket C 17 to 20
Streatham 2, 3	Thirsk 10, 11	Epsom 24, 25
Northampton 3, 4	Windsor 12, 13	Sandown 26, 27

MAY.

Newmarket 1st Sp. 1	York 15, 16	Wye... .. 23
Chester 8	Lewes 18, 19	Salisbury ... 24, 25
Ipswich 10, 11	Maidstone ... 21	Harpenden ... 25
Alexandra Park 11, 12	Bath 22, 23	Epsom 29 to June 1
Newmarket 2nd	Manchester 22 to 25	
S. 15 to 18		

JUNE.

Croydon 6, 7	Windsor 19, 20	Bibury Club ... 27
Sandown Park 8, 9	Hampton 21, 22	Stockbridge 28, 29
Ascot 12 to 15	Odiham 26	

JULY.

Newmarket J... 3 to 6	Carlisle 3	Goodwood 31 to Aug. 3
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AUGUST.

Croydon 6	Egham 14, 15	Plymouth ... 23, 24
Brighton 7, 8	Stockton ... 14 to 16	Croydon 24, 25
Brighton Club 9	Oxford 16, 17	Scarborough... 24, 25
Redcar 9, 10	Windsor 16, 17	Weymouth ... 27, 28
Lewes 10, 11	Devon & Exeter 21, 22	Sutton Park 28, 29
Chelmsford .. 14, 15	York 21, 22	Derby 28, 29

SEPTEMBER.

Richmond 4, 5	Hendon 18, 19	Alexandra Park 21, 22
Canterbury 6, 7	Lichfield 18, 19	Lanark 25, 26
Wolverhampton 6, 7	Western (Ayr) 19, 20	Newmarket First
Doncaster 11 to 14	Monmouth ... 20, 21	October ... 25 to 28

OCTOBER.

Kelso	1, 2	Newmarket	Bromley ...	18, 19
Streatham ...	1, 2	2nd October	Sandown Park	18, 19
Roy Caledonian H.		Coventry ...	Newmarket H	22 to 27
and Edinburgh	3, 4, 5	Croydon ...	Brighton ...	30, 31
Leicester ...	4, 5			

NOVEMBER.

Liverpool ...	6 to 9	Shrewsbury	13 to 16	Warwick ...	20 to 23
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STEEPLECHASING AND HURDLE RACING FIXTURES.

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FEBRUARY.

Birmingham ...	6, 7	Bromley ...	16, 17	Streatham ...	21, 22
Croydon ...	14, 15	Doncaster Hunt	19, 20	Sandown Park	27, 28

MARCH.

Kingsbury	1, 2	Croydon	6, 7, 8
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APRIL.

Streatham ...	2, 3	Croydon ...	10, 11	Polegate ...	23
Enfield ...	2, 3	Thirsk ...	10, 11	Sandown Park	
Wolverhampton	5, 6	Lichfield ...	17, 18		26, 27, 28

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York ...	15, 16	Maidstone...	21	Wye ...	23
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NOVEMBER.

Streatham ...	5, 6	Croydon ...	27, 28
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DECEMBER.

Sandown Park ...	4, 5	Bromley ...	11, 12	Kingsbury ...	26, 27
Kingsbury ...	6, 7				

WINNERS OF THE CALCUTTA RACES. THE DERBY.

(35)

SEASON.	S.	OWNER.	WINNER.	WEIGHT.	RIDER.	D.	TIME.
1843-44	5	Mr. Jones's	gah Eltopoo ..	8	Barker	2 miles.	3.
1844-45	8	" Peter's	gah Crab ..	9	Evans	"	58
1845-46	5	" Green's	gah Glancus ..	8	Copeland	"	54
1846-47	9	" Williams'	gah Minnet ..	8	Hall	"	53
1847-48	6	" Charles'	gah Ismael ..	8	Joy	"	0
1848-49	5	" Brown's	gah Wahaby ..	9	Evans	"	57
1849-50	6	" Holdfast's	gah Blood Royal ..	8	Barnes	"	52
1850-51	6	" Return's	gah Peradventure ..	8	Duncan	"	4
1851-52	2	" Return's	gah Harold ..	8	Duncan	"	2
1852-53	4	" Return's	gah Right Royal ..	12	Marwood	"	2
1853-54	3	" Payne's	gah Nero ..	7	Gooch	"	53
*1855-56	13	" Returns	gah Haphazard ..	8	Gooch	"	9
1856-57	3	" Payne's	gah Speculator ..	9	K. Irving	"	0
1857-58	5	" Payne's	gah Lightning ..	8	Noble	"	0
1858-59	6	" Payne's	gah Flyaway ..	9	Noble	"	9
1859-60	6	" Healey's	gah Rocket ..	8	P. Irving	"	2
1860-61	19	" York's	gah Scimitar ..	8	Weatherall	"	1
1861-62	11	" Manchester's	gah Royal Exchange ..	8	Hammond	"	58
1862-63	11	" Hartley's	gah Famine ..	9	P. Irving	"	3
1863-64	13	Deamuth Dowlah's	gah Gazelle ..	9	P. Irving	"	4
1864-65	18	Mr. W. W.'s	gah Ruler ..	9	Arnott	"	2 1/2
1865-66	1	" Gladstone's	gah Borderer ..	9	Aukland	"	2
1866-67	19	" Manchester's	gah Bucklegs ..	9	Hammond	"	7
1867-68	10	" W. W.'s	gah Growler ..	8	Gooch	"	7
1868-69	8	H. H. The Maharajah of Vizianagram's	gah Actson ..	9	Joseph	"	0 1/2
1869-70	17	Mr. A. Stewart's	gah Acber ..	9	Chaloner	"	54
1870-71	12	" Field's	gah The Earl ..	8	Hastings	"	54 1/2
1871-72	10	" Smythe's	gah Dian ..	8	Chaloner	"	56 1/2
1872-73	8	Major Rundell's	gah Trumpeter ..	8	Vinell	"	56
1873-74	4	Mr. Collins'	gah Coroue ..	9	Rowen	"	0 1/2
1874-75	3	" Gosling's	gah Nizam ..	7	Finch	"	20
1875-76	7	Khajah Abanoolah's	gah Prince Regent ..	9	Ryder	"	3
1876-77	3	Sheik Esau Bin Curass'	gah Orange ..	6	Jaffir	"	8 1/2

* No races in 1854.

THE COLONIAL STAKES.

SEASON.	S.	OWNER.	WINNER.	WEIGHT.	RIDER.	D.	TIMES.
1847-48	3	Mr. Green's	b cape h Richmond	9	Evans	R. C.	S. 41
1848-49	4	" Barker's	c aust g Lunatic	8	Evans	"	3 26
1849-50	5	" Charles'	b aust c Van Deinen	8	Joy	"	3 26
1850-51	5	" Holdfast's	b aust h Young Lucifer	7	Barnes	"	3 23
1851-52	5	" Barnes'	b aust h Moonlight	8	Barnes	"	3 24
1852-53	6	" East's	c b m Grace Lee	9	Croce	"	3 20
1853-54	3	" Monghyr's	c b m Meg Merrilies	7	Irving	"	3 29
1855-56	4	" "	c b m Meg Merrilies	8	Hartley	"	3 29
1856-57	4	" Macleod's	c cape h Boebuck	8	Curran	"	3 27
1857-58	5	" St. John's	cans h Beclum Boss	8	"	"	3 26
1858-59	6	" Haley's	b aust h Beclum Boss	8	P. Irving	"	3 24
1859-60	6	" Cloud's	b cape m Maydew	9	P. Irving	"	3 27
1860-61	6	" The Confederates'	c b m Alcide	8	McGivern	"	3 24
1861-62	7	Mr. Payne's	b aust h Sampson	8	Blackburn	"	3 25
1862-63	9	Capt Robert's	c aust h Sir Hercules	8	J. Irving	"	3 26
1863-64	7	Mr. Windham's	b aust m Mayfly	8	Steebles	"	3 20
1864-65	8	" Wood's	b aust m Blink Bonny	7	Collins	"	3 25
1865-66	8	" Collins'	c aust g Dirk Hatterick	8	Blackburn	"	3 18
1866-67	8	" Manchester's	b aust m Debuture	9	Hammond	"	3 19
1867-68	8	" W. W.'s	b aust m Favorite	9	Gooch	"	3 23
1868-69	8	" Waller's	c aust g Detrimontal	9	Joseph	"	3 24
1869-70	9	" W. W.'s	b aust g Longuen	9	Dignun	"	3 18
1870-71	6	" W. W.'s	bk aust g Driver	9	Ranchurn	"	3 24
1871-72	4	" Smythe's	c aust h Satellite	8	Chaloner	"	3 20
1872-73	5	" Seventanks'	b aust m Philippine	6	Finch	"	3 21
1873-74	5	" Maitland's	b aust c Kingcraft	8	Jaffir	"	3 21
1874-75	1	" Dowall's	b aust h King of the West	6	Walker	"	W.O. 25
1875-76	6	" Edward's	b aust m Fielto	8	Ryder	"	3 21
1876-77	3	" John's	bk aust m Fieldfare	8	Donaldson	"	3 21

* Mr. Koss' b aust c Habes Corpus came in first, but was disqualified in consequence of his owner not having declared a confederacy, and non-payment of the necessary subscription to the Fund. This matter was afterwards submitted to the Jockey Club, who ruled that there was no confederacy. Habes Corpus was therefore the winner, as he came in first.

† No races in 1854-55.

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RACES PAST.

BANGALORE SKY STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1876.

The second day's racing of this successful and pleasant meeting took place on November 28th. There was again a large attendance of spectators, both in carriages and on horse-back, while the weather was remarkably cool and pleasant. The fields were not so large as on the first day's racing, but the quality certainly made up for the quantity. The state of the Course was all that could be desired, the rain which had fallen a couple of days before, making the ground in first-rate order for galloping, over.

There were five events on the card to be competed for, consequently the time for the first race had to be fixed for the early hour of half past three, in order to ensure getting through the programme before dark, and even then what with delay of one kind and another, there was but very little daylight left for the last race, while the glare of the sun during the first two races shining straight in the riders' faces, rendered some of the fences almost invisible, and most dangerous to negotiate.

The first event set down on the card to be decided was for a Cup, presented by Captain Campbell, R. E. Three horses only appeared to compete for it. At the lotteries held on the previous afternoon Dick Turpin was installed first favourite, though Romulus, a good looking chesnut, was much fancied by his owner, and an exciting race was looked forward to between him and Dick Turpin, the third horse, a Country-bred named Nebuchadnezzar having only been entered to make up the race.

Directly the flag flag, Dick Turpin went to the front closely followed by Romulus with Nebuchadnezzar in rear. In this order they negotiated the first three fences, till arriving at the small water jump (which by the way had to be taken backwards, that is, with the water towards them,) where Romulus refused leaving Dick Turpin to canter round the course by himself, though Nebuchadnezzar still plodded along about two hundred yards in rear. All the fences were safely got over by both horses, until arriving at the last fence but one from home, a low, trappy fence, consisting of two low banks with

a wideish ditch between them. From the position of the fence it was impossible for a horse or rider to see it owing to the tremendous glare of the sun. Dick Turpin, who had been fencing magnificently up to this point, jumped short, and hitting the far bank very hard, landed on his head and knees; and his bridle slipping over his head, his rider came off. Had it not been for the untoward accident of the bridle coming off, his rider would have recovered his seat and saved the horse falling. Dick Turpin now struck off across country on his own account, and was not captured and brought back for nearly an hour. Nebuchadnezzar, on arriving at the same fence, fell in precisely the same manner, and unfortunately rolled over his rider, breaking Mr. Bushe's collar bone besides other injuries. Here the race ended, as Romulus had already pulled up after refusing the third fence, consequently the race became null and void. There is no doubt that both horses fell from the same cause, *viz.*, from not being able to see the fence properly on account of the glare of the sun. This shows how careful those, to whom the making of a Steeplechase Course is intrusted, should be in selecting the best position for the fences with regard to the direction in which the sun will be shining at the time of day when the races are likely to come off.

Captain Campbell's Cup. Value Rs. 250 with Rs. 200 added. For all horses. Colonials 12 stone, Country-breds 11 stone, Arabs 10 stone. Winners of Rs. 250 and over to carry, if once, 5lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. extra. About 2½ miles. Entrance Rs. 15.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	12 0	Owner	0
Capt. Campbell's	c w g	Romulus	12 0	Mr. Ricardo	0
Mr. Bushe's	b c b g	Nebuchadnezzar	11 0	Owner	0

For the next event—the Agram Stakes—four horses were down on the card: three only appeared at the post however, Captain Campbell deciding at the last moment not to run Romulus.

Of the three, Cronstadt, Red Deer and King's Own, that appeared at the post, Cronstadt was first favourite, though Red Deer and King's Own were both backed at the Lotteries for a fair price.

Directly the order to go was given. Red Deer rushed off at a tremendous pace, with Cronstadt and King's Own following at a more judicious rate. On arriving at the wall Red Deer, now several lengths ahead of the other two, came to grief, leaving Cronstadt and King's Own to fight it out between them. Both horses settled well down to their work, taking their fences almost together and jumping in grand style. After jumping the hurdles leading into the straight, King's Own, answering gamely to his rider's call, won after an exciting finish by about a length.

Agram Stakes Rs. 200. For all horses. Horses that have never started previous to this race allowed 10lbs. Previous winners once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener 7lbs.; extra. About 2 miles. Entrance Rs. 10.

Mr. Palmer's	b w g	King's Own	12 7	Owner	...	1
„ Lindsell's	b w g	Cronstadt	12 0	„	...	2
Major Barnes'	b w g	Red Deer	12 7	Mr. Yates		0

The next race—the Pony Handicap—brought out five competitors, of which Dandy, a rare-shaped County-bred pony, was favourite; Tom Cat and Tom Boy being also much fancied. All got off well together at the start, but after the first fence Tom Boy and Dandy alone remained on the scene, the other having either refused or fallen. The two abovenamed ran a neck-and-neck race throughout, till after jumping the hurdles into the straight, where Dandy, excellently ridden by his owner, drew away and won after a good finish by a length.

Pony Handicap. Rs. 75 to the first; Rs. 25 to the second; third to save his stake. For all ponies 13-2 and under. Pony Course. Entrance Rs. 5.

Mr. Hamilton's	c c b p	Dandy	12	0	Owner ...	1
„ Gaye's	g c b p	Tom Boy	11	3	Mr. Lindsell	2
Capt. McTaggart's	c c b p	Tom Cat	12	2	„ Ricardo	0
Mr. Boteler's	b p p	Tim	10	0	„ King	0
„ Dalbiac's	b c b p	Argyle	10	0	„ Coney	0

The Free Handicap failed to fill, so a new race was made up for all horses on the ground. Catch-weights above 11st., and was won easily by Captain McTaggart's pony Tom Cat, which, unknown to the riders of the other horses, had been allowed two hundred yards start. Major Barnes' Red Deer being second.

Captain McTaggart's	c c b p	Tom Cat ...	...	...	1
Major Barnes'	b w g	Red Deer ...	Mr. Holland	...	2

None other passed the post.

FAIRFIELD.

CALCUTTA RACES.

Stewards:

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LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD,
J. A. CRAWFORD, Esq., C. S.,

CAPTAIN ROBERTS, R.H.A.,
C. H. MOORE, Esq.

Owing to the Imperial attractions at Dehli, the first day of our metropolitan meeting has resulted in a Derby for but three starters, two belonging to the same owner; a match between two for the Maiden Stakes; a walk over for the country-breds; and four starters for the vaunted Prince of Wales' Cup; which may in some measure account for the attendance being by no means so large as at the preceding Derbys. We can remember several "certainties" upset, but altogether those who were present must have been perfectly satisfied with the sport presented. The finish between Satellite and Lord Clifden for the

Cup was as fine as anything we have witnessed on the Calcutta Course, and proves what a grand horse the winner must be to beat a flyer like Lord Clifden at the difference of weights and in such good time. Again the run in for the Derby was splendid, and we congratulate Shaik Esau Bin Curtas on this his maiden win of that event. This was regarded as so certain a thing for Bowen's stable that any odds might have been got against the winner. The same may be said of the race between Surprise and Anarchy. In fact all the talent were at fault, and those who won their money must have done so in spite of themselves. At the lotteries the favourites commanded, as the following figures will show, high prices:—

In No. 1 for the Derby.

Florican sold for	...	...	...	Rs.	180
Orange	...	...	...	"	180
Revenge	...	...	...	"	410
100 Tickets at Rs. 10...	...	...	...	"	1,000
Total					1,770

Less 5 per cent.

In No. 1 for Prince of Wales' Cup.

H. R. H. sold for	...	...	...	Rs.	40
Satellite	...	...	...	"	190
Lord Clifden	...	...	...	"	620
Chorister	...	...	...	"	140
100 Tickets at Rs. 10	...	...	...	"	1,000
Total					1,990

Less 5 per cent.

In No. 2 for Prince of Wales' Cup.

Chorister sold for	...	...	...	Rs.	170
Satellite	...	...	...	"	210
Lord Clifden	...	...	...	"	660
H. R. H.	...	...	...	"	60
100 Tickets at Rs. 10	...	...	...	"	1,000
Total					2,100

Less 5 per cent.

And in a Combination Lottery for the Derby and the Maiden Stakes.

Anarchy and Orange sold for	...	...	...	110
Surprise and Revenge sold	"	...	...	210
Surprise and Florican sold	"	...	...	210
Anarchy and Revenge sold	"	...	...	450
Anarchy and Florican sold	"	...	...	200
Surprise and Orange sold	"	...	...	100

Under the influence of the cheery voice and persuasive eloquence of the spirited Secretary, the lotteries were soon filled, but

that immediate cash payments were insisted on as at the previous meeting, kept many old members away, the Honorary Secretary announced that all people taking tickets made themselves personally responsible to him for the same, and there is little reason to suppose that this confidence will be abused.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1876.

Maidan Stakes. Of Rs. 500 from the fund. For Country-breds and Arabs. Weight for age and class, for which the following started.

Mr. Pilgrim's	Surprise 4 yrs 8 11	Hackney	1
Baboo M. M Dass's br a h	Anarchy gid 9 7	Ryder	2

Surprise led from start to finish, winning easily. Time 2m. 54s. Anarchy was wanting in form and decidedly not in his accustomed fettle.

The Prince of Wales' Cup. Value £105, with Rs. 1,000 added for all horses. St. Leger Course. Weight for age and class.

K. A. O's	ch aus h	Satellite aged	11 0	Cosens	1
Mr. Pilgrim's	b aus h	Lord Clifden 6 yrs.,	9 7	Hackney	2
Mr. Hope's	b aus g	H. R. H. aged	9 7	Ryder	3
„ Downwall's	ch eng h	Chorister aged	10 0	Walsh	4

After a good start, H. R. H. led until round the first corner, where he was passed by Lord Clifden and Chorister with Satellite close up. At the mile the two leading horses were some lengths ahead of the old Chesnut, and the pace improved, but he was not to be shaken off, for, on rounding the next corner, he came up on equal terms, and with Chorister beaten a fine set to ensued, resulting in a dead heat amidst intense excitement. Time 3min. 25sec. The impression on the stand was that Lord Clifden would have won, had Hackney begun to "ride" sooner. For the deciding heat, Lord Clifden jumped off with the lead at a rattling pace, and was soon a dozen lengths or more ahead, which he increased until the first mile post was passed, when Satellite began to creep up, and collaring him at the distance, won a good race by nearly a length; time 3min. 23sec.

The Derby Stakes. Of Rs. 1,000 from the fund. For Maiden Arabs; weight for age; distance 2 miles.

Shaik Esau Bin Cutas' bc	Orange 3 yrs.	6 11	Jaffir	...	1
Mr. Downall's	bc	Revenge 4 „	6 0	Blackburn..	2
„ „	gr c	Florican 4 „	8 4	Bowen	3

The first half mile was very close, Florican leading past the stand with Orange second, and Revenge, who was evidently started to watch the turn events might take last. Rounding the corner on the Hospital

side of the Course, Orange joined Florican, and the two ran together till near the distance, Revenge some twenty lengths behind. Here the struggle between the leaders commenced, and the rider of Revenge seeing how matters were going, also tried to get his horse up, but too late, for the light weight admirably ridden by Jaffir came on and won as he liked. Time 4mins. 8secs.

The Country-bred Stakes.

Mr. Pilgrim's ch g Surprise walked over.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1876.

"Small by-degrees and beautifully less," may be said both of the fields of horses and the attendance on the second day of this meeting. Nor had those present even the satisfaction of seeing a contest this morning. It was anticipated at the lotteries overnight that the race between Exeter and Lord Clifden would be a close one; but it was a hollow affair after all. The stand presented a dreary appearance, there not being a dozen people in it; and every one seemed indifferent and out of spirits. There were 23 entries for the Colonial Stakes, but only 3 ran; and for the Burdwan Cup, with the same number of entries, only 2. It has been often pressed upon the Stewards to change the time of the races from the morning to the afternoon, and we have urged this on more than one occasion; but, on canvassing the point with the principal merchants and subscribers, there appears to be a majority in favour of their still being run in the morning, as, in the afternoon, business engagements would keep many away. The Stewards, however, anxious to do all in their power to please, have decided on holding all their Saturday meetings in the afternoon; and this arrangement commences to-morrow, when the start for the first race will be at 3-30. The card offers four events, including the Rs. 1,000 Cup, Abdul Gannu Meah's Plate, and the Calcutta Stakes; so, with fine weather, we hope to see the Stand and Course crowded.

The following were the lotteries on yesterday's races:—

1st lottery on the Colonials.

114 tickets, at Rs. 10 each	Rs.	1,140
Kirby sold for	"	360
Fieldfare	"	371
Spec	"	610
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Less 5 per cent.	...				124
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2nd lottery on ditto.

120 Tickets, at Rs. 10 each,	Rs.	1,200
Kirby sold for	"	570
Fieldfare	"	300
Spec	"	540
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					2,610
Less 5 per cent.					131
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					2,479

Mixed Lottery for the Bedouin Stakes and the Burdwan Cup.

121 tickets at Rs. 10 each	...	Rs.	1,210
Muffineer and Lord Clifden sold for		"	120
Muffineer and Exeter	...	"	80
Anarchy and Exeter	...	"	570
Anarchy and Lord Clifden.	...	"	560
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			2,540
Less 5 per cent.			127
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			2,413

The Bedouin Stakes. Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all Arabs. The winners of the Derby and the Maidan Stakes at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Weight for age. Maidens allowed—four years and under 10 lbs., five years and upwards 1st. Maidens of the day allowed 4 lbs. more. Entrance as for the Maidan Stakes; distance 1 mile.

Babu Mohini

Mohun Das's	b h	Anarchy	9 0	Ryder	...	1
Mr. Cecil's	gr h	Muffineer	7 10	Blackburn		2

Time 2min. 2sec.

Muffineer led to the corner, where he was passed by Anarchy, who won easily.

The Colonials. Of Rs. 1,000 from the Fund. For all Maiden Australian, Tasmanian, Cape, and Country-bred horses. Weight for age and class. Horses that have never started before the day of naming allowed 3lbs. Entrance and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. R. C.

Mr. John's	bk aus m	Fieldfare	8 11	Donaldson	...	1
" Dignum's	b aus g	Kirby	8 5	Ryder	...	2
" Downall's	b aus g	Spec	8 11	Blackburn	...	3

At the start, Spec led to the 1st mile post, Fieldfare 2nd, and Kirby last; here Spec was passed by Fieldfare, and in this order they ran to the distance, whence the whip was freely used by all the Jockeys, and a close finish was anticipated. But Donaldson gradually forged ahead, and won by about 2 lengths. Time 3min. 21sec.

The Burdwan Cup. With Rs. 500 added from the Fund; but as, under Rule 5, it was required that three or more horses on *bond fide* separate interests must start, the Cup was withheld. Entrance and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. 1 mile 3 furlongs.

Mr. Downall's	b aus g	Exeter late R. Y.	8 11	Blackburn 1
„ Pilgrim's	b aus h	Lord Clifden	9 5	Hackney 2

Exeter led from start to finish, and won by any amount of lengths, Lord Clifden being pulled up at the distance. Time 2min. 35sec.

The Drawing-Room Stakes.

Mr. Innes'	b aus m	Snowdrop	... walked over.
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THIRD DAY, SATURDAY (AFTERNOON), 23RD DECEMBER 1876.

Nawab Abdul Gunny Meah's Plate. Value Rs. 500. For all Arabs. Weight for age. Maidens allowed—four-year and under 10lbs., five-year and upwards 1st. Maidens of the day allowed 7lbs. more. Winners of two previous seasons to carry 10lbs. extra, of any race to which Rs. 1,000 were added, at any time, to carry 5lbs., in addition to any other penalty. St. Leger Course. Entrance on the 1st July Rs. 30, on 1st October Rs. 60, on 1st December Rs. 150, when the race will close. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for all horses declared to start.

8 Entrances at Rs. 30, 1 at Rs. 60, and 1 at Rs. 150.

Baboo Mohiny Mohun Dass' b a h Anarchy w. o., for the Entrances.

A Cup. Value Rs. 1,000, with Rs. 600 added from the Fund. For all horses. Weight for age and class. Maidens allowed—three-year old 5lbs., four-year old 10lbs., five and upwards 1st. Winners this season—once 5lbs., twice 9lbs., three times or oftener 12lbs. extra. A winner of any race to which Rs. 1,000 were added—once 4lbs., twice or oftener 7lbs. extra. Penalties for winning Viceroy's or Governor's Cups same as in Prince of Wales' Cup, in addition to other penalties. Entrance and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. 2 miles.

23 Entrances at Rs. 30, 1 at Rs. 80, and 1 at Rs. 200.

Mr. Downall's	b aus g	Spec	... w. o. for the Entrances.
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A Purse. Of Rs. 400 from the Fund. For all Country-breds. 1½ mile. Weight for age. Maidens allowed—four-year old and under 5lbs.; five-year, 7lbs.; and aged, 9lbs. Maidens of the day 4lbs. more. Winners of two or more seasons to carry 4lbs. extra. Entrances as for the Maiden Stakes.

4 Entrances at Rs. 30.

Mr. Pilgrim's	c d g	Surprise	w. o. for the Entrances.
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The Stand Plate. Rs. 250 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 10 each p. p. For all horses. C. T. C., weight for age and class raised 21lbs. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Gentlemen riders. Professionals, 5lbs. extra. Owners riding their own horses allowed 5lbs., and riders who never won a Flat Race allowed 5lbs. in addition. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Extra weight need not be declared.

The winner of this race is liable to be claimed for Rs. 2,000 by any one running a horse in the race.

Mr. Mackellar's	... br aus g	... Moleskin	... 1
" G. E. Thomas'	... b aus g	... Colonist	... 2
" Robert's	... br aus g	... Discontent	... 3
" Tichborne's	... gr aus g	... Grey Friar	... 0
" Monk's	... w aus m	... Cherry	... 0
" Landale, nas	... aus g	... Christopher	... 0
" " "	... aus g	... Maori	... 0
" Innes's	... b aus m	... Snowdrop	... 0

From the above, some opinion may be formed of the afternoon's meeting on Saturday, the only contest being for the Stand Plate, for which eight horses started. We have really nothing to remark on except the Stand Plate, which, from start to finish, was a straggling affair, won by Moleskin by two lengths, Colonist 2nd, and Discontent 3rd. Time, 1min. 27secs. Very little interest was manifested throughout, although there were more people on the course than on any other day of the meeting.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, (AFTERNOON), 26TH DECEMBER.

The racing on Tuesday was decidedly more satisfactory than on the previous days of this meeting. Fine weather and holiday time brought also a larger attendance on the course, although the absence of many ladies in the Grand Stand was to be deplored. There were four events on the card—a Hurdle Race being substituted for the Vizianagram Plate, which did not fill; for the former, eight horses were entered, but only five came to the post. Dr. Hart, who engaged to ride Mr. Sherrieff's Professor Dick, did not return up in time. Fiddler and Sam Lawson were also absentees.

For the Merchants' Cup four horses came to the post, including Mr. Downall's two—Kingcraft and Chorister—that gentleman declaring to win with the latter. Raven, it was thought at the weights stood some chance, but he was outpaced throughout, and Chorister and Kingcraft had it all their own way. Orange and Muffineer were the only two who started for the Grand Stand Stakes, the winner of the Derby winning this event also easily.

The Scurry Stakes, which afforded some amusement, the ponies racing from start to finish, was won by Nancy.

The Ladies' Plate of Rs. 500, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each, p. p. For all horses.

English to carry	...	...	...	...	12st.
Colonials	..	...	...	...	11st. 7lbs.
Country-breds	...	...	...	...	10st. 7lbs.
Arabs	...	...	...	...	9st. 7lbs.

If only one class start, 11 stone each. Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. Horses that never won a Hurdle Race or Steeplechase allowed 7lbs. Those that never started in such allowed 4lbs. in addition, R. C. and a distance over 7 flights of hurdles.

The lotteries were held at two o'clock at the Grand Stand, and were supported with spirit. In the first, for the Ladies' Plate,

Jovial sold for...	...	...	...	...	Rs.	350
Firetail	...	...	...	...	"	120
Flight	...	...	...	...	"	150
Catapult	...	...	...	...	"	70
Peeress	...	...	...	...	"	50
Professor Dick	...	...	...	...	"	40
Sam Lawson	...	...	...	...	"	10
100 tickets at Rs. 10	...	...	...	...		1,000
						1,790
Less 5 per cent.						90
Value of lottery						1,700

Mr. G. Thomas's	b aus g	Jovial	10	11	Dignum	...	1
Mr. Burgh's	gr aus g	Firetail	10	4	Robertson	...	2
Mr. Davidson's	gr aus m	Peeress			Conig	...	0
Mr. G. Thomas's	bk aus g	Catapult			Dewing	...	0
Mr. Geneste's	br aus g	Flight			Tingey	...	0

After a good start, Peeress led up the straight. All over the first hurdle, except Flight, who fell, but again started without a rider, and led round the course and over all the hurdles until he reached the upper turn, when he started in a direct line across the Maidan for home. At the mile post Peeress fell back and Firetail led, followed closely by Jovial. Coming into the straight, a good race ensued between these two, Dignum winning by his excellent riding by a neck. Time—4min. 3secs.

The Grand Stand Stakes. Of Rs. 300 from the Fund. For Maiden Arabs. 1 mile. Weight for age. Winners of any race to which Rs. 1,000 were added—once to carry 7lbs., twice or oftener 10lbs. extra. Entrances as for Maidan Stakes. For this race and the Merchants' Cup a combination lottery was got up. One half to each winner.

Orange sold for	...	...	...	...	Rs.	390
Kingcraft	..	..	..	..	"	280
Chorister	...	...	...	...	"	260
Raven	...	...	...	...	"	140
Muffineer	...	...	...	...	"	60
Kirby	...	...	...	...	"	10
100 tickets at Rs. 10	...	...	...	...	"	1,000

2,140

Less 5 per cent.

107

Net value of Stakes ... 2,033

Sheik Esau Bin Curtas' b c	Orange	8 4	Jaffir	...	1
Mr. Cecil's gr h	Muffineer	9 0	Blackburn	...	2

Muffineer led for the first half mile, and was then passed by Orange, who won easily. Time—2min. 1sec.

The Merchants' Cup. Value Rs. 1,600. Presented by the Merchants of Calcutta. Added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 150 each. Half forfeit. A Handicap for all horses. St. Leger Course. Entrances, &c., as for the Derby. Weights to be published on 4th December 1876. 28 entrances at Rs. 30, 3 at Rs. 80, 2 at Rs. 200—26 pay half forfeit.

At the Lotteries.

Chorister sold for	...	...	...	...	Rs.	300
Kingcraft	...	...	...	...	"	300
Raven	...	...	...	...	"	130
Kirby	...	...	...	...	"	50
100 tickets at Rs. 10	...	...	...	...	...	1,000

1,780

Less 5 per cent. ... 89

Net value of lottery ... 1,691

Had Satellite started for this race, we might have had some little interest in it; but as it was, there was none.

Mr. Downall's ch eng h	Chorister	9 0	Bowen	...	1
" Downall's br aus h	Kingcraft	10 4	Blackburn	...	2
" Thomas's bk aus g	Raven	8 7	Donaldson	...	3
" Dignum's b aus g	Kirby	7 5	Jaffir	...	4

Mr. Downall declared to win with Chorister. Chorister led past the Stand with Raven second, and Kingcraft third; and in this order they ran till rounding the corner into the straight, where Raven was beaten, Mr. Downall's pair came away, and Chorister was allowed to win by a length. Time—3min. 37secs.

Scurry Stakes. Rs. 100. Entrance, Rs. 5 each. For all Polo Ponies Catch-weights over 10st. Straight run in. Entries to be made at the post.

For this six started.

Nancy	...	...	...	...	1st.
Hank	...	...	...	...	2nd.
Punch	...	...	...	...	3rd.

Sir Salar Jung's Cup. Value Rs. 800 for the winner, Rs. 300 for the second, and Rs. 100 for the third horse from the Fund.

For all horses *bond fide* and unconditionally the property of members of the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association, or officers in Her Majesty's Services, or members of the Bengal, Madras, or Byculla Clubs. Weight for age and class raised 2 stone. Winners—once 5lbs., twice or oftener 10lbs., extra. Gentlemen riders. Those riding their own horses allowed 5lbs. The winner of this race is liable to be sold for Rs. 2,000 if demanded (as in Rule 75, C. T. C. Rules); half of the surplus, if any, to go to the Fund, and half to be divided between the second and third horses. R. C.

3 Nominations at Rs. 50 each.

Half forfeit in each case.

Horses to be named on 16th December 1876.

Starting declarations to be made at 1 p. m. on December 26th.

Cup withheld under Rule 5.

Mr. Mackellar's br aus g Moleskin w. o. for the forfeit.

IMPERIAL ASSEMBLAGE—DELHI RACES, 1877.

Stewards:

THE HON'BLE SIR A. J. AR-	CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS, R. H. A. ;
BUTHNOT, K. C. S. I. ;	COL. J. HENDERSON, B. S. C. ;
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR HENRY	R. A. DALYELL, Esq., M. C. S. ;
DALY, K. C. B. ;	LORD ULICK BROWNE, B. C. S. ;
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR SAMUEL	COL. W. C. DAVIES, B. S. C. ;
BROWNE, C. B., V. C. ;	

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1877.

The Viceroy shewed good judgment in deciding on adding to the attractions of the Imperial Assemblage by having a Viceregal Race Meeting, as there can be no doubt that, after the sights at and near Delhi had been seen, there were days on which people with no official or semi-official duties to perform found little to do. Thus the two days' racing were a considerable addition to the amusements of the general public as well as of lovers of sport.

Some months before the Assemblage the Meeting was decided on, and about six weeks before it a gentleman was appointed, who became the *de facto* Honorary Secretary, Lord William Beresford only nominally filling that office, as he was required to accompany Lord Lytton in his travels. The Honorary Secretary was experienced in Race Meetings in India, but anything so special as this one, and requiring so many more arrangements was new to him. The only thing like it before seen in India, indeed, was the Prince of Wales's day in Calcutta last year. The Stewards had been selected to represent different parts of India, and their official duties did not allow of their arrival at Delhi, and consequently of their taking part in the preliminary arrangements, till a week before the first day, from which time two of them especially worked hard. The Honorary Secretary had constructed two large Stands, one for the Viceroy and those whom he chose to ask into it, and the other for the general public; but the former Stand being unable to hold all the Chiefs and their principal attendants, the Viceroy ordered a portion of the other or Grand Stand to be also reserved for such notables. It will be seen that there were two good days' racing, and no prettier struggles were ever seen than in the races for the Trial and Prince of Wales's Stakes on the first, and for the Viceroy's Cup on the second day, in which last Kingcraft, who was not suited as to distance, added another wreath to his collection of laurels, as though Bowen was "at him," as it is called, half a mile from home, he nevertheless managed to be first past the post, though disqualified because Bowen could not draw the weight by half a pound. The Maharajah of Jodhpore, however, as owner of the second horse, made that right by presenting the Cup to Mr. Downall, as having been virtually fairly won by Kingcraft. Crown Prince was not fit at the Meeting, but is clearly a good horse, while Prosperity and Rainbow astonished every one by their improvement on their previous performances. The former seems worth keeping for another year. Hurricane proved fit for much more than his second-rate hurdle racing in Australia under the name of Warnambool by running away with the Great Eastern Steeplechase.

Owing to great exertions by the Stewards and the Honorary Secretary during the week preceding the Meeting, most of the arrangements were made satisfactory at the last, laborious as the task was. Neither horsemen, carriages, or elephants were allowed to annoy the Steeplechasers by approaching the jumps on the inside of the Course, while the police and gate departments, as regards carriages, crowding, &c., &c., were excellent. The roads were scarcely sufficiently watered, though the Stewards endeavoured to effect this by means of two different departments, and owing to a mistake in the Gazette of January 1st, the Private Secretary's Press, though at work all night, was unable to get the revised Gazette out early enough to print off the race-cards afterwards in good time on the 2nd, though they arrived in batches of 100 as fast as printed during the races. The only inexplicable omission was that no list of declarations to start was sent to the Ordinary on the 1st. The lotteries did not promise well at first, but became such as have been rarely seen when speculators went in for it in earnest. We take the following account of the lotteries and running from the *Statesman*, and beyond saying that the Stewards acted on the decision

of the Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club in regard to the late Rajpootana case by barring Messrs. Collins and Short, will only add the following remarks in regard to the Touchstone case in the United Service Cup Steeplechase. The horse was disqualified for going the wrong side of two flags, owing to his rider disregarding the line officially pointed out to him by the Honorary Secretary at the time specially appointed and notified for the purpose, because he misunderstood one of the Stewards (who, however, was not referring to the course for this race at all) as having said it was unnecessary to go round the flags referred to. The Stewards could only adhere to and act on their own official shewing of the course, and could not recognise what might have been said after that by any individual Steward, even if he had referred to the course for this race, which, as already stated, he did not. Though disqualifications on such grounds are always more or less unsatisfactory, there can be no doubt in the minds of those who saw the end of the race that if Touchstone had gone the proper course he would have been beaten by the horse declared the actual winner, and thus no harm was done.

Speculation at the lotteries was brisk, the sweeps up to yesterday aggregating over half a lakh of rupees. Mr. Thomas, the active Meerut Secretary, conducted them with his usual assiduity. There was no half-heartedness and waiting for a better day now; five and seven starters, and the money down on all.

I should mention that distances between camps and camps and the city are very great. The Honorary Secretaries' tent is some three miles from the Institute, where lotteries are held. By some mischance the declarations failed to reach Mr. Thomas, who was in charge of these, and he was compelled to hold stable lotteries without a declaration of the starter's names, many owners being absent and so unable to clear up the difficulty.

I should add that the police arrangements were admirable; the routes to the course were kept admirably clear; the course was lined with policemen at narrow intervals; carriages were marshalled to their places without confusion, and though a great crowd was present, there was never any crushing or disturbance.

The Trial Stakes. Of Rs. 80 each, with Rs 800 added, for English, Colonial and Country-bred horses. English and Colonial to carry 10st. 7lbs. Country-bred 7st. 7lbs. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after* the race for Rs. 1,500. Any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the Fund. If entered, to be sold for Rs. 1,200, allowed 5lbs.; if for Rs. 1,000, 10lbs.

Capt. Bullen's	b w m	Octoroon	1,000	9	8	Mr. Elliot	...	1
Mr. Maitland's	ch w g	Fireman	1,000	9	8	Cosens	...	2
" Park's	b w g	Wizard	1,000	9	8	Ryder	...	3
" Milton's	br w g	Royal						
		(late Marathon)	1,500	10	4	Irving	...	0

Time,—1min. 54½secs.

In the best of two lotteries, ticket value Rs. 1,500

Fireman sold for	...	...	...	520
The Wizard	"	...	...	320
Royal	"	...	...	190
Octoroon	"	...	...	100
Viking	"	...	...	30
Recovery	"	...	...	30

Rs. ... 2,700

The horses were saddled punctually at 2 o'clock ; but the Viceroy delaying his arrival, they were kept shivering and trembling in the paddock stables for forty minutes, much to the annoyance of their owners. Octoroon getting first away to a good start, at once jumped to the front, followed by The Wizard, Royal, and Fireman ; near the half-mile the latter challenged, passed the Wizard and Royal, but failed to pass Octoroon, who won a splendid race by a neck. Time—59—1-54½.

The Railway Plate. Of Rs. 500, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each ; for all horses 14hds. 2in. and under. 14hds. to carry 11st. 4lbs., and 3lbs. added or allowed for every half-inch over or under. Colonials 3lbs. extra. Country-breds allowed 7lbs. The winner of any Steeplechase value Rs. 300, 4lbs. ; of two such, or of one value Rs. 500, 7lbs. ; of three such or of Steeplechases value collectively Rs. 1,200, 10lbs. extra. Penalties and allowances accumulative. 2 miles over S. C. Course.

Capt. Humfrey's	gr a h	Jack	12 3	Owner	...	1
" Maunsel's	b a h	Commodore	12 0	Capt. Atkinson	2	
" Hillyard's	gr c b p	Trademan II	10 5	Mr. Maunsel	0	
Mr. Geneste's	b a g	Dart	11 11	Cosen	...	0
" Park's	ch a h	Gold Dust	11 10	Owner	...	0

Time—4-38.

In a lottery, ticket value Rs. 1,800

Jack sold for	...	...	660
Commodore	"	...	220
Dart	"	...	120
Gold Dust	"	...	80
The Field	"	...	10

Rs. ... 3,010

Starting about half a mile from the stand, the water jump in front of the Viceroy was the second fence. Over this, Jack held a lead of five lengths, Dart, Commodore, and Gold Dust following in line close together and so over the third ; a mile out, when Dart and Gold Dust began to drop behind and were never afterward in the race. Jack sailed along with Commodore some fifty yards behind, at a clinking

pace, Dart blundering at the broad bank and giving Cosens a fall, and Captain Humfrey never having been once headed, won easily by ten lengths. Time—4min. 38secs.

The Empress' Vase. With Rs. 2,000 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 260 each; for all horses. C. T. C. weight for age and class. The winners of the Prince of Wales's Cup at Calcutta in 1876, the Viceroy's Cup, or that given by the Governor of Madras or Bombay, in any season, to carry 10lbs.; of two such Cups 14lbs.; of three or more 21lbs. extra. The winner of any race value Rs. 1,500, or the equivalent thereof, Handicaps included, in any country, to carry 7lbs.; of one value Rs. 2,000, 10lbs.; or of one value Rs. 3,000, 24lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 10lbs. Distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

His Highness the Maharaja of

Jodhpore's	br e c	Crown Prince 5 years	8 8	Finch	1
Mr. J. Wheal's	b w g	Prosperity 5 years	7 11	Gerald	2
„ Downall's	b w g	Exeter aged	9 4	Walsh	3
„ John's	bk wm	Fieldfare aged	8 11	Donaldson	0

Time—3-18 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Four lotteries were held on this. In the last, the prices were :
Ticket value Rs. 1,000

Crown Prince	...	Rs. 710
Exeter ...	...	„ 400
General Lee	...	„ 40
Lord Clifden	...	„ 30
Fieldfare	„ 50
Oliver Twist	...	„ 40
Prosperity	„ 10
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	Rs. ...	2,280

Exeter, with Crown Prince on his quarters, Prosperity some lengths off and Fieldfare a hundred yards behind, lead for the first mile and a quarter, when Prosperity closed and Fieldfare slightly improved her position. At the half-mile Exeter was beaten, and Prosperity raced into the straight with the Englishman, who, when asked the question, came away and won easily by three lengths, Exeter a bad third. Time, 56—1-20—1-50, 2-19 $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles 3min., 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The United Service Cup. A Steeplechase of Rs. 50 each, with Rs. 1,000 in specie added; for all horses *bond fide* and unconditionally the property of Officers on full pay, of the Army or the Indian Civil Service, and to be ridden by the same. English horses to carry 13st., Colonial 12st. 7lbs., Country-breds 11st., Arabs 10st. Horses that have never started for a Steeplechase allowed 10lbs., winners, once 5lbs.; twice, or oftener 10lbs. extra. 3 miles.

If no Arab starts for this Race, the weights will be reduced 7lbs.

some five or six lengths in front of Stanley, but, as explained above, was disqualified. The Badger finishing next a long distance in rear of Stanley. Time—7min. 4secs.

The Prince of Wales's Stakes. Of Rs. 100 each, with Rs. 1,000 added; for all Arabs. C. T. C. weight for age. The winner of any race, Handicaps included, once, 5lbs.; twice, or of one race to which Rs. 1,000 in Cup or Specie was added. 10lbs.; three times, or of two such, 14lbs.; four times, or of three such, 21lbs. extra. Maidens allowed, if 5 years old or under 5lbs., if 6 years old or over 10lbs. Horses that have never started allowed 3lbs. in addition to any other allowance.

Captain Davison's	g a h	Florican	8	7	Walsh	...	1
Baboo Mohiny Mohun							
Doss's	b a h	Anarchy	10	7	Ryder	...	2
Major Crossbie's	c a c	Nonpareil	7	3	Native	...	3
" Brabazon's	c a g	Ace of Dia-					
		monds	7	12	Donaldson		0
" Downall's	g a h	Ugly Buck	9	0	Bowen		0
The Maharajah Kishoor							
Singh's	b a m	Zuleika	8	1	Ramchurn		0
General Macpherson's	c h c	Candover	8	1	Jaffir	...	0

1½ mile. Time—2min. 26½secs.

In the last of three lotteries, ticket value	Rs. 2,000
Anarchy sold for	" 1,030
Nonpareil	" 10
Ace of Diamonds	" 70
Zuleika	" 200
Florican and Ugly Buck	" 200
Syrian	" 360
Candover	" 10

Total ... Rs. 3,780

Going to the start to take the correct time, I could not see the running until the horses entered the straight, which they did all but Candover in a compact body. Thence there was a great race, Florican, after a game and determined struggle on the part of the favorite, winning by half a length, Nonpareil close up, third, Ace of Diamonds fourth, Ugly Buck fifth. Time—2min. 26½secs.

The Stewards' Cup. Of Rs. 50 each, with Rs. 500 added for all horses 14 hands 1 inch and under; 14 hands to carry 11st.; 4lbs. added or allowed for every half inch over or under. Colonials 7lbs. extra. Country-breds allowed 5lbs. Winners once, 4lbs.; twice or oftener, 7lbs. extra. Penalties and allowances accumulative—G. R.—Professionals 7lbs. extra.

The Nawab of Jowrah's	b a h	Syrian	11	7	Capt. Willoughby	1
Mr. Milton's	g w m	Ooloo	11	3	Johnson	...
Major Crossbie's	g a p	Electric	10	2	Mr. Elliot	...

In a lottery, ticket value	...	...	Rs. 1,400
Syrian fetched	...	...	" 1,110
Ooloo "	" 900
Camelia "	" 100
Fleur-de-lis "	" 90
Gleneagle "	" 10
The Field "	" 30
Electric "	" 60
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Total Rs. 3,700			<hr/>

Electric led for nearly half a mile, and was then passed by Syrian, Ooloo some six or seven lengths behind; but at the quarter Ooloo passed the pony and made his effort, but failed to reach the Rajah of Jowrah's splendid little Arab Galloway, who won easily by three lengths. Time—2min. 5secs.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 4TH JANUARY 1877.

Shorn of much of its splendour by the absence of many of the great Chiefs, the second day of the Imperial Meeting could still boast a large and brilliant attendance. The Viceroy came not in state as on Tuesday, but Lady Lytton and her children honored us with their presence, arriving just as the horses had gone to the starting post, for the Great Eastern Steeplechase. Again was the larger Grand Stand filled with well-dressed ladies, and officers, and civilians, and minor Chiefs. Again was the Course lined with hosts of natives and soldiers; and yet again was there no crowding, or crushing, or trespassing upon either the Flat or Steeplechase Courses, so admirable were the police arrangements—arrangements for which Colonel Miller merits the warmest praise.

The lotteries on Wednesday night at the Delhi Institute, were attended by a crowd of plungers, and filled one after another with amazing rapidity; and in the sales, owners put their money down on their horses, as if everything were over but the "shouting," and there were no black Monday in prospect. Chang was a tremendous favorite for the Great Eastern Chase, and the betting on the Viceroy's Cup was pretty even between Kingcraft and Crown Prince. The racing was quite as interesting, but the finishes not so close as on the opening day. Four out of the six events for decision, were handicaps. Great has been the abuse of the framers of these same, but I am bound to say they proved more successful than I anticipated. None of the "turned loose" division had a chance in the Steeplechase, and the top weight finished first for the Viceroy's Cup—albeit not the favorite. There was doubtless a mistake made in the Alexandra Plate, as Rainbow, 6st. 10lbs. won with quite 21lbs. in hand. He was probably handicapped on his Meerut form, and certainly his Deyra Derby victory would have warranted a heavier impost. In that race he beat Hermit easily at 9lbs, yet here Hermit is asked to concede

him 18lbs. and this in the face of Hermit's having failed to score a win at either Umballa or Meerut; still I must in justice add, the horse was not fancied by anyone beyond the limits of his own charmed circle.

The bill opened with the Steeplechase Selling Race, on which there was no lottery and which was rather a failure. Commissioner fell at the broad bank so fatal on the previous day, and Rival won. Here I must say a word anent this bank. I don't often find fault; indeed I haven't had occasion here. It is a most dangerous jump, a sun-dried brickbuilt bank, upright and square, and solid, too narrow to land on, and too broad to fly with safety. When first taken round the course, I predicted numerous accidents at this fence, and singularly enough it, proved the only one (excepting in the case of Countess, at the water, who fell owing to the crowd rushing across the jump before she had passed) at which any occurred. Rebecca, Countess, and Yanathon fell at it in the United Service Cup, Commissioner in the Selling Stakes and the Great Chang, who never made a mistake before, in the Great Eastern. These facts speak for themselves.

The field for the second race, was again weak, only three appearing to do battle for the Corinthians. The winner of the Trial Stakes, purchased by Mr. Beaver after that race for Rs. 1,600 but steered by her former owner, Captain Bullen, in his usual finished style, was once more successful, disposing of the Bombay division, Viking and Touchit with something in hand. The Great Eastern Steeplechase the race of the meeting—followed; eight horses sported silk. There had been a great deal of speculation on the result. Tight lotteries aggregating about Rs. 29,000 had been held, in all of which Chang, piloted by that finished horseman, Mr. Johnson, was the favorite. Stripping in perfect condition, light but a mass of muscle, with the bloom of condition on his coat, he held his position to the last, and was actually backed at even money after the flag was lowered. The sweep looked greatly improved on his rough Umballa form, and receiving 20lbs. from Chang was regarded as a certainty by his sporting owners. Blackbird seemed big and short of work, and though ridden by a noted performer, had few friends. Stanley appeared common and altogether out-classed, honest horse as he is in less aristocratic company. Kilmore and Margaret, light-weighted as they were, didn't shew the stamina required for such a race, and were both far too light. The gentleman of the lot was Warrnambool, now christened Hurricane, a compact little grey, blessed with perfect action, and trained by Mr. Short to "a turn." He swept over the ground like a race horse, and if he only jumped, looked by far the most likely to win over this sound ground, with its long galloping stretches between the fences. And win he did right easily, taking the lead and keeping it throughout, accomplishing the three and a half miles in the excellent time of 8m. 3s. Chang fell at the "fatal bank" half a mile from the finish, when running third; but neither he nor Sweep, who finished second, were ever really in the hunt. Mr. Geneste, who purchased the horse from the importer Dignum for Rs. 4,000, a sportsman in every sense of the word, came in for warm congratulations. He owns the best chaser in the country, and I hope to see his colors often to the fore.

The beautiful cup presented by the Viceroy, stood next for competition. The great reputations of Kingcraft and Crown Prince frightened every outsider but one, Mr. Maitland's old crack, Fireman, the other two being stable companions of the cracks, started for a mission. Despite the splendid performances of Kingcraft, Crown Prince had the call in favouritism, the former owner of the "little wonder" faithlessly deserting him. After the Empress Vase running he declared that no Australian foaled could give the Englisher 20lbs. over a mile and a quarter. Probably few could; but Kingcraft is a veritable prodigy. Though apparently quite out of the race at first, he gradually made up his ground from the half mile in, and finally won under severe punishment cleverly by a length and half, displaying the extraordinary gameness that so often characterises the descendants of Sir Hercules. He is loudly cheered on passing the Judge's chair; but on weighing was unhappily found to be about a pound short of weight, and the race was awarded to Crown Prince. This offered an opportunity for a sportsmanlike and generous act on the part of the noble Chief who owns the English horse the Maharajah of Jodhpore, of which he was not slow to avail. He declared Kingcraft had fairly beaten his horse, and insisted on Mr. Downall receiving the valuable cup, which after some reluctance that gentleman did. The stakes and bets of course go to Crown Prince, and his backers. The mile and a quarter was run in 2m. 17s. and remembering Kingcraft's heavy weight, I cannot help thinking he would distinguish himself in the best company in England.

The Alexandra Plate was a very hollow affair. The top weights, Anarchy and Syrian, declined the handicap; Florican put up a 10lbs. penalty for winning the Prince of Wales' Cup; and Ugly Buck being out of all form, Rainbow, very leniently treated, won all the way, some 21lbs. in hand.

The proceedings closed with a pony race, the Knebworth Stakes, for a very handsome Cup, presented by the Rao of Cutch, which Mr. Maitland pulled off with his waler mare, Fleur-de-Lis, after a fine race with Prince of Ponies, in rather slow time.

So ended the legitimate meeting at the Imperial Assemblage, certainly the most brilliant ever held in this country; and in the rank and wealth and magnificence of the spectators unique amongst race meetings the world over. There is to be a sky day on Tuesday, but business merely: no Kings and Princes and mighty nobles; no splendid retinues or lustrous adornments; no jewels or emeralds or diamonds, no glittering of scarlet and green and gold. I have already described the race-course and the arrangements generally. The whole thing was well and ably done, and no words can do adequate justice to the workers, Major Hill, R.A., and Mr. Cox, the Executive Engineer.

Captain Roberts assisted in many ways, and as starter was perfect; the only other comparable to him in India is Major Burnett of the 15th at Poona.

Mr. Thomas of Meerut was indefatigable at the lotteries. Lord Ulick Browne, an efficient judge and handicapper, and, as he always is

everywhere, a useful and impartial Steward. Colonel Henderson attended at the scales of the other gentlemen who acted as Stewards Sir Samuel Browne and Sir Henry Daly alone took any active part, and they did much to promote the success of the meeting.

The Stand Selling Steeplechase. Of Rs. 40 each, with Rs. 400 added; for all horses. English and Colonials to carry 12st., Country-breds 12st. 7lbs, Arabs 9st. 5lbs. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for Rs. 1,000. Any surplus to be divided between the owners of the placed horses. If not sold, the winner to pay the second horse's stake; if entered to be sold for Rs. 600, allowed 7lbs. G. R. Professionals 5lbs. extra. 3 subs. 2 miles.

Bob's	b w g	Rival	11 4	Mr. Bob	...	1
Mr. Brownfield's	gr w g	Commissioner	11 4	Owner	..	0

No lottery. Commissioner fell at the broad bank, and Rival cantered in alone. Having been fired on both forelegs he was not sold.

The Corinthian Plate. Of Rs. 50 each, with Rs. 500 added. For all horses that have never won a weight for age and class race value Rs. 1,000. C. T. C. weight for age and class raised 28lbs. G. R. Any rider having never won a flat race, or riding his own horse, allowed 5lbs. Winners once, including Handicaps, 5lbs.; twice or oftener 10lbs. extra. 6 subs. 1 mile.

Mr. Beaver's	b w m	Octoroon	11 7	Capt. Bullen	...	1
Colonel Hand's	c w g	Viking	11 7	Mr. Elliot	...	2
Major Crosbie's	b w g	Touchit	11 7	Capt. Willoughby	3	

In a lottery, ticket value		Rs. 1,000
Octoroon sold for	...	" 260
Viking	"	" 60
Touchit	"	" 100
Yanathon	"	" 390

Rs. 1,810

Yanathon's declaration to start having failed to reach the Secretary by the appointed time, he could only start with the consent of the owners of the others engaged. Colonel Greaves of Bombay objected, so he was barred. Octoroon won easily by three lengths from Viking; Touchit nowhere. Time—1m. 57s.

The Great Eastern Steeplechase. Of Rs. 1,500, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 150 each for all accepting. A Steeplechase Handicap for all horses. The winner of any Steeplechase after the publication of the weights 7lbs. extra. 18 subs. 3½ miles.

Mr. Geneste's	b w g	Hurricane (late Warrnambool)	11 8	Capt. Humfrey	...	1
" Bob's	bk w g	Sweep	10 12	Mr. Bob	...	2
" Hudson's	b w g	Kilmore	9 12	Tingey	...	3
" Milton's	b w g	Chang	12 4	Mr. Johnson,	...	fell.

Capt. Davison's	br w g	Blackbird	10 12	Dignum	...	0
Mr. Kendall's	dun w m	Margaret	10 2	Irving	...	0
Capt. Maunsell's	b w m	Countess	9 12	Cosens	...	0
" Wallace's	br w g	Stanley	11 1	Mr. Maunsell	...	0

In the largest of eight lotteries, ticket value	...	Rs.	4,000
Chang sold for	...	"	1,480
Stanley	...	"	180
Blackbird	...	"	260
Sweep	...	"	500
Margaret	...	"	220
Kilmore	...	"	240
Warrnambool	...	"	500
Countess	...	"	120
Touchstone	...	"	440

Total Rs. ... 7,940

All got away together, and swept down the straight and over the hurdle in front of the Stands in a tolerably compact body, Warrnambool leading. At the next fence, an easy wall, Countess refused and lost too much ground to give her any further chance, her pretensions being subsequently settled at the water, where she fell. Warrnambool carried on the running with the Sweep, Kilmore and Chang at considerable intervals, Blackbird, Margaret and Stanley following. So once round to the water, over which Warrnambool, now going at a great pace, showed the way, Kilmore, Chang and the rest in close attendance succeeding, the grey held on in front. The Sweep passing Kilmore, going on second, Stanley, Blackbird, and Margaret dropping further behind safely over the broad bank, the second time, Warrnambool had the race in hand, Sweep taking it some fifteen lengths in rear, Chang following and falling heavily, his plucky and able rider Mr. Johnson, more luckily than the gentlemen in the United Service Cup, escaping quite unhurt. Kilmore, Margaret and the others succeeded at considerable intervals, Warrnambool kept on and won a fast race by some ten lengths; Sweep second, Kilmore ten lengths off, third; Margaret a bad fourth. Time—8m. 3s.

The Viceroy's Cup. With Rs. 2,000 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 200 each for all accepting. A Handicap for all horses. The winner of any race after the publication of the weights, once 5lbs.; twice or oftener 10lbs. extra. The winner of the Empress' Vase 5lbs extra, in addition to any other penalty. 17 subs. 1½ mile.

H. H. The Maharajah						
of Jodhpore's	br eng c	Crown Prince	9 2	Finch	..	1
Mr. Downall's	b w g	Exeter	9 5	Walsh	...	2
Mr. Maitland's	ch w g	Fireman	7 10	Donaldson	...	3
Mr. Downall's	br w h	Kingcraft	10 8	Bowen	...	0
Major Utterson's	br w g	Genl. Leo	7 5	Garard	...	0

In the last of four lotteries, ticket value	...	Rs. 1,000
Crown Prince sold for	...	" 600
Kingcraft	...	" 510
General Lee	...	" 160
Exeter	...	" 30
Fireman	...	" 20
Total Rs. ...		2,320

Exeter, closely attended by Crown Prince, made running at a great pace, General Lee going on third, Kingcraft some lengths behind, and Fireman last. At the $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile post, Fireman momentarily passed Kingcraft, who seemed likely to finish last. The others held on, and before entering the straight, the Englishman had settled Exeter; but here Kingcraft began to creep up, and when fairly in the straight, Bowen called on him with whip and spur. Answering with extraordinary gameness, he caught and passed Crown Prince opposite the first enclosure and passed the post a length and a half in front; Exeter third, three lengths off; Fireman fourth, ten lengths away. Kingcraft was disqualified for being short of weight, and the race awarded to Crown Prince. Time—2-17 or 2-18.

The Alexandra Plate. Of Rs. 1000, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 100 each for all accepting. A Handicap for all Arabs. The winner of any race after the publication of the weights, once 5lbs., twice or oftener 10lbs. extra. The winner of the Prince of Wales's Stakes 5lbs. extra in addition to any other penalty. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Beaver's	b c	Rainbow	6	10	Jaffir	...	1
" Beauclerk's	gr h	Jack	7	12	Donaldson	...	2
" Downall's	gr h	Florican	8	10	Bowen	...	3
" Downall's	gr h	Ugly Buck	7	9	Walker	...	0
" Brabazon's	ch h	Ace of Diamonds	6	7	Ramchurn	...	0

In the last of four lotteries, ticket value	...	Rs. 2,000
Ace of Diamonds sold for	...	220
Jack	...	290
Rainbow	...	100
Ugly Buck	...	520
Florican	...	400

Total ... 3,530

Rainbow led nearly all the way and won in a canter by ten lengths, Jack second. Time—3m. 29s.

The Knebworth Stakes. A Cup presented by the Rao of Cutch, value Rs. 400, added to a Handicap Sweepstakes of Rs. 40 each for all accepting. For Ponies 13 hds. 2 inches and under.

Mr. Maitland's	ch w m	Fleur-de-Lis	9 2	Cosens ...	1
H. H. the Nawab					
Bahawalpur's	ch a h	Prince of Ponies	8 0	Walker ...	2
Mr. Milton's	b cb g	Overture	7 10	Native ...	3
Major Crosbie's	gr a h	Electric	10 4	— ...	0
Mr. Geneste's	b w g	Dandy	8 4	— ...	0
" Windham's	gr a h	Scout	8 0	— ...	0

In a lottery, ticket value				Rs. 2,000
Overture	sold for	...	...	" 310
Electric	"			" 330
Prince of Ponies	"			210
Dandy	"			370
Scout	"			100
Fleur-de-Lis	"			420
Total			...	3,740

A good race. Fleur-de-Lis, well ridden by Cosens, got off in front, and though closely pressed by Prince of Ponies, won by a length-and-a-half; Overture third. Time—15½s., last ¼-mile, 1m.

RACES TO COME.

MHOW AND CENTRAL INDIA RACES, 1877.

Entries on 1st January, 1877.

FIRST DAY, THE GALLOWAY HANDICAP.

Mr. Baldock's	c a g	...	Golightly.
Major Crosbie's	b a g	...	Bijou.
" "	g a g	...	Dutchman.
H. H. Nawab of Jowrah's	b a h	...	Syrian.

THE HUSSAR CUP.

Mr. Freeman's	b a g	...	Old Soldier.
Major Crosbie's	c a c	...	Nonpareil.
Mr. Windham's	b a h	...	Sam, late Guiding Star.
Capt. Willoughby's	b a h	...	Sham.

HANDICAP FOR ALL HORSES.

Mr. Vincent's	c c b m	Cinderella.
" Thomas's	b w g	Raven.
Major Crosbie's	b w g	Touchit.
" "	g w g	Gangalong.
" Farwell's	b a h	Oliver Twist.

THE JOWRAH PURSE.

Mr. George's	c a h	...	Desert Spirit, late Etoile.
" Fuller's	g a h	...	Nasib.
Major Crosbie's	g a g	...	Dutchman.
	b a g	...	Bijou.
H. H. Nawab of Jowrah's	b a h	...	Syrian.
" " "	g a h	...	Saracen.

SECOND DAY, HANDICAP FOR ALL HORSES.

Mr. Vincent's	c c b m	...	Cinderella.
" Thomas's	b w g	...	Raven.
Major Crosbie's	b w g	...	Touchit.
" "	g w g	...	Gangalong.
" Farwell's	b a h	...	Oliver Twist.

THE STARKY CUP.

Mr. George's	c a h	...	...	Desert Spirit, late Etoile.
" Freeman's	b a g	...	...	Old Soldier.
Major Crosbie's	c a c	...	...	Nonpareil.
" "	g a g	...	...	Grey Jacket.
Mr. Windham's	b a h	...	...	Sam, late Guiding Star.

The Second Entries close on the 1st February.

FRED. LUKIN,
Hony. Secy., Mhow Races.

ENTRANCES OF 16TH DECEMBER, 1876, FOR THE
BALLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES.

20th and 27th January, 1877.

THE BALLYGUNGE CUP.

Mr. John's	b e g	...	...	Gameboy.
Ditto's	b w g	...	...	Mistletoe.
Mr. G. E. Thomas's	b w g	...	...	Jovial.
" Cecil's	b w g	...	...	The Boojum.
Capt. Wallace's	br w g	...	...	Stanley.

THE OPEN STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. John's	b w g	...	...	Mistletoe.
" Burgh		...	...	One Nomination.
" G. E. Thomas		...	...	Ditto.
" C. Geneste		...	...	Ditto.
" R. Morgan		...	...	Ditto.
Capt. Wallace		...	...	Ditto.
Messrs. Hunter & Co.		...	...	Ditto.

THE SUBURBAN CUP.

Mr. Dorking's	g w g	...	...	Viking.
" G.'s	b w g	...	...	The Marquis.
" Frittenden's	c w g	...	...	Squibs.
" John's	b w m	...	...	Bonnie Katie.
" Thomas's	b w g	...	...	The Cid.
Capt. Wallace's	br w g	...	...	Stanley.
Ditto's	blk w g	...	...	Mariner.
Mr. Roberts's	blk w m	...	...	Black Empress.
Ditto's	g w g	...	...	Grey Friar.
Mr. Bobstick's	g w g	...	...	Badger.

THE TRIAL CHASE CUPS.

Mr. Dorking's	g w g	...	...	Viking.
" G's	b w g	...	...	The Marquis.
" Frittenden's	c w g	...	...	Squibs.
" R.'s	g w m	...	...	Peercss.
" John's	b w g	...	...	Mistletoe.
Ditto's	b w m	...	...	Bonnie Katie.
Mr. Thomas's	b w g	...	...	The Cid.
" Roberts's	blk w m	...	...	Black Empress.
Ditto's	g w g	...	...	Grey Friar.
Ditto's	c w g	...	...	Red Deer.
Mr. Choter's	b w m	...	...	Mignonette.
" Cecil's	b w g	...	...	The Boojum.
" G. E. Thomas's	blk w g	...	...	Catapult.
" Johnstone's	b w g	...	...	Paleface.

THE CALCUTTA CUP.

Mr. G. E. Thomas's	b w g	...	...	Jovial.
Ditto's	blk w g	...	...	Catapult.
Captain Wallace's	br w g	...	...	Stanley.
Mr. Roberts's	blk w m	...	...	Black Empress.
" Johnstone's	b w m	...	...	Kathleen.

THE OPEN HANDICAP.

Mr. John's	b e g	...	...	Gameboy.
Captain Wallace's	blk w g	...	...	Mariner.
Mr. C. Geneste's	br w g	...	...	Flight.
Ditto's	b w g	...	...	The Bard.
Mr. R. Morgan's	b w g	...	...	Dauntless.

C. HARTLEY.
Hony. Secy.

PROSPECTUS OF THE LUCKNOW SPRING MEETING, 1877.

Stewards :

MAJOR-GENERAL C. T. CHAMBERLAIN, C. S. I.	MAJOR FRED. HILL, R. A.
COLONEL DOUGLAS, R. A.	COL. MILLER, 13TH HUSSARS.
COLONEL BARROW, OUDH COMMISSION.	MAJOR BYAM, 65TH REG.
CAPTAIN KNOX, 85TH L. I.	E. BRADDON, Esq., C. S.
G. H. ELLIOT, Esq., 3RD B. C.	COLONEL HUNTER THOMPSON, 6TH N. I. REGIMENT.

Hony. Secretary.—CAPTAIN MAUNSELL, 13TH HUSSARS.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 1877.

Ladies' Purse. Rs. 150. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. For all horses that have not won during the season. C. W. A. C. raised 2st.

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Maidens allowed 7lbs. Entrance Rs. 20 P. P. Gentlemen riders. To close noon the day before the race.

The Oudh Commission Purse. Value Rs. in Specie. Presented by Officers of the Oudh Commission. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For Maiden Arabs. C. W. A. Previous winners, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., 3 times or oftener 14lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 20 on 10th January; Rs. 30 on 1st February; with a sweepstakes of Rs. 30 for each horse declared to start at noon on the day before the race.

The 13th Hussars Regimental Challenge Cup. A Steeplechase, on its terms.

The Goomtee Steeplechase. Rs. 250. Distance about 2 miles. For all Arabs and Country-breds. Arabs 10st. 7lbs., Country-breds 11st. 7lbs.; winners, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., 3 times or oftener 12lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 20 on 10th January, Rs. 30 on 1st February, and declared to start day before the race.

Pony Stakes. Rs. 100. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Catch weights over 10st. 7lbs. for Ponies 13-2; 7lbs. allowed for every inch under. Previous winners, once 4lbs., twice or oftener 9lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 15. To close and name at noon day before the race.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 1877.

The Martiniere Stakes. Rs. 150. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. For all Hacks *bonâ fide* the property of residents in Oudh. Winner to be sold by auction for Rs. 400 immediately after the race; any surplus to be divided between owner of 2nd horse and the fund. Entrance Rs. 20. Catch weights over 10st. for Arabs, over 11st. for Country-breds, and 11st. 7lbs. for Walers, with a penalty of 5lbs. for a winner of two or more previous races. G. R. To close and name at noon day before the race.

Lucknow St. Leger. Rs. 500. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all Maidens. C. W. A. C. Previous winners, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 12lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 20 on 10th January; Rs. 30 on 1st February; with a sweepstakes of Rs. 30 for each horse declared to start at noon day before the race.

The 13th Hussars Subalterns' Cup. Presented by O. Heywood Jones, Esq.; with a Whip presented by Captain Maunsell to 2nd horse. A Steeplechase on its terms.

The "Littlego" Steeple-chase. Rs. 150. Distance about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Catch weights over 11st. 7lbs. for Walers, and 10st. 7lbs. for Arabs and Country-breds; 7lbs. allowed for every inch under 13-2, and a penalty of 4lbs. on previous winners. No sex allowance. Entrance Rs. 20, to close and name at noon day before the race.

The Railway Plate. Value Rs. . Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all Arabs and Courty-breds. C. W. A. C. Previous winners, once 5lbs., twice 9lbs., 3 times and oftener 12lbs. extra. Maidens of the day allowed 5lbs.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 1877.

The Moosa Ragh Selling Stakes. Value Rs. 200. Distance 1 mile. For all horses. If entered to be sold for Rs. 1,000 to carry 11st.; 4lbs. allowed for every Rs. 100 under. Entrance Rs. 20. To close and name at noon on the day before the race.

The Lucknow Handicap. Rs. 500. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A Handicap for all horses. Entrance Rs. 20, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 30 P. P. for all horses accepting. To close on 10th January. Weights to be published on 20th January and acceptances declared on 1st February. The winner of any race (Handicaps included) of the value of Rs. 500 after the publication of the weights to carry 4lbs. extra.

The Lucknow Grand Annual Steeplechase. Value Rs. 600. Distance about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all horses. C. W. A. C. raised 2st. Previous winners, once 7lbs. twice 10lbs., 3 times or oftener 14lbs. extra. Maidens of the meeting allowed 4lbs.

The 13th Hussars Gold Subscription Challenge Cup. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. On its terms.

The Beaten Handicap. Rs. 200. Distance 1 mile. For all horses beaten during the meeting. Entrance Rs. 20, to be made after previous day's racing. Entrances to go to 2nd horse.

Polo Stakes. Rs. 50. Distance 200 yards and back round a flag.

Post Entrance Rs. 5. Any Costume.

For all *bond fide* Polo Ponies.

N. B.—On the afternoon of the 7th and 9th February Polo matches will be played on the ground behind the Grand Stand.

On one of these days the Lucknow Polo team now challenge any team of visitors; five players aside with Ponies 13-2 and under.

RULES.

1. New Calcutta Turf Club Rules to be in force, except where otherwise provided for. Steeplechases to be run under Grand National Steeplechase Rules.

2. Three horses *bond fide* in separate interests to start, or the added money may be withheld.

3. All entrances and acceptances to be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, and all entrance money, subscriptions, &c., must be sent with the entry, or the horse will be liable to be disqualified.

4. Any one making an objection must deposit Rs. 50 with the Honorary Secretary, which will be forfeited to the Fund should the objection be considered frivolous.

5. A rateable deduction will be made from the amount added by the Fund should the subscriptions fall short of the amount advertised.

6. Five per cent will be deducted from the total amount of each Lottery for the Race Fund.

7. Owners running one horse at the Meeting to subscribe Rs. 20 ; two or more, Rs. 30 to the Fund ; in Hack and Pony Races, Rs. 10.

8. All objections and points referred to them will be decided by the Stewards. Their decision shall be final both as to facts and racing law. If not unanimous, the point will be referred to the Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club for final decision.

9. No Jockies will be allowed to take Tickets in the Lotteries.

10. All Confederacies to be declared in writing to the Honorary Secretary at the time of entry, and each confederate must subscribe according to Rule 7.

11. No Galloway or Pony will be allowed to start which has not been duly measured by the Stewards, or some one appointed to do so on their behalf.

12. All communications to be addressed to Honorary Secretary, Lucknow Races.

13. Horses requiring measuring or ageing to be at the Race Stand at 5 P. M. on either 2nd, 3rd or 5th February.

14. All entries not otherwise provided for to close at noon the day before the race, and starting declaration made before the Lottery for each race.

15. The Stewards reserve to themselves the right to alter the order of running.

16. Owners to be entitled to claim one quarter of their horse in any Lottery, but the claim must be made before the next horse is put up for sale.

17. The second horse to save his Stakes in all races where five or more start.

18. A letter box will be kept at the Mahomed Bagh Club to receive Local Race Entrances.

19. Stand and Enclosure Tickets Rs. 10 to all non-subscribers.

20. The Steeplechase Course is closed, and any horse jumping on it will be disqualified, and his owner fined Rs. 50. Non-subscribers cannot school over the big Course. A small Schooling Course is open for that purpose.

21. At settling no Order I. O. U., &c., will be accepted in payment of accounts, and any body absent from settling without a representative prepared to pay on his behalf will be reported to the C. T. C. according to Rules 8 and 9.

PROSPECTUS OF THE KADIR CUP CONTEST.

(VALUE, £125.)

WILL BE RUN MONDAY, 18th MARCH, 1877.

Open to all horses. Any one entering a horse must be a Subscriber to the M. T. C. for the current season 1876-77. Catch weights. Owners up. Any owner unable to ride or entering more than one horse must put up a Member whose weight is not less than his own. Spears to be not longer than 8 feet.

To be run after Pig in the Ganges Kadir Country. Contesting Spears to be divided by lot into parties of not more than four.

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Takers of the 1st Spear of each party to contest for final Spear and Cup.

It is not necessary for the 1st Spear that the Pig be killed: any dispute arising about 1st Spear to be left to the decision of the Committee as to whether the course be run again or not.

M. T. C. Rule No. 6 :—No Spear to be delivered on the near side, and if so delivered not to count as 1st Spear.

The parties to be started by a starter who will accompany them on an elephant.

Nominations on the 15th of January. 1 Gold Mohur; to name, or by double entry to close and name, on the 1st of March. Entry 9 P. M. the day before the Race, 4 Gold Mohurs.

W. J. WHITE, CAPT.,
XV (THE KING'S) HUSSARS,
Hony. Secretary.

PROSPECTUS OF THE WELLINGTON RACES, 1877.

Stewards:

HONORABLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.	GENERAL HAMILTON, C. B.
GENERAL ELMHIRST, C. B.	A. MACCALLUM WEBSTER, Esq.
COLONEL COOKES, R. H. A.	H. G. TURNER, Esq.
LIEUT.-COLONEL RICHARDS.	MAJOR PIGOTT.

Honorary Secretary.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 15TH MAY 1877.

The Maiden Purse. Of Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden, English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. About 9 furlongs. Entrance 1st February Rs. 50, on the 1st March Rs. 75, on the 1st April Rs. 125, and on the 1st May, Rs. 250, when the Race will close.

The Wellington Derby. Of Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden, Arab and C. B. horses. Weight for age and class. Terms, &c., as for Maiden Purse.

The Welter. Of Rs. 400. For all horses. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. Winners of one season 5lbs., two or more

7lbs. extra. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrance 1st February Rs. 20, on the 1st March Rs. 40, on the 1st April Rs. 60, and on the 1st May, Rs. 120, when the Race will close.

Trial Stakes. Of Rs. 1000. For all English and Colonial horses Weight for age and class. Winners once 4lbs, oftener 7lbs. extra. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrances. &c., as in Maiden Purse.

The Welcome Purse. Of Rs. 400 Given by the Merchants, &c., of Wellington and Coonoor, with Rs. 600 added. For all Arab and C. B. horses. Weight for age and class. Winners once 4lbs, oftener 7lbs. extra. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrances, &c., as in Maiden Purse.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, THE 17TH MAY 1877.

The Brewer's Purse. Of Rs. 150. Presented by S. Honeywell, Esq., of Arvenghaut. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Catch-weights above 9st. 7lbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile. Entrance Rs. 15. To close at 8 A.M. on the day before the Race.

The Neilgherry Cup Value Rs. 1,000. Presented by Government Servants then on the Hills. For all horses. Weight for age and class. Winners once before the Meeting to carry 4lbs., twice 7 lbs and oftener 1st. extra. Horses beaten on the 1st day of the meeting allowed 3lbs. Maidens allowed 7lbs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrance 1st February Rs. 50, on the 1st March Rs. 75, on the 1st April Rs. 125, and on the 1st May, Rs. 250, when the Race will close.

The Coonoor Purse. Of Rs. 1,000. Presented by residents of Coonoor For all Arab and C. B. horses. Weight for age and class. Winners once before the meeting to carry 3lbs., twice 6lbs, oftener, 10lbs extra. Horses beaten on the 1st day of the meeting allowed 3lbs. Maidens allowed 7lbs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrances, &c. as in Neilgherry Cup.

The Corinthians. For all Hacks never started for more than Rs. 300 public money. Rs. 20 entrance with Rs. 200 added. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. G. R. The winner to be put up to auction after the Race for Rs. 600. Any surplus above that sum to go to the Fund.

The Planters' Purse. Of Rs. 500. Given by the Planters of Wynaad. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, over seven flights of hurdles. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. Winners of one season 5lbs., two

or more seasons 7lbs. extra. Entrance 1st February Rs. 25, on the 1st March Rs. 50, on the 1st April Rs. 75, and on the 1st May Rs. 125, when the Race will close.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 19TH MAY 1877.

The Ootacamund Purse. Of Rs. 400. Given by the Marchants, &c., of Ootacamund, with Rs. 300 added by the Fund. A Handicap for all English and Colonial horses. Forced for winners of the meeting (Hurdle Races, Corinthians and Welter excepted) at Rs. 50 for each race won—free to losers with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Abkarry Purse. Of Rs. 500. Presented by Messers. Arathoon and Co., with Rs. 200 added by the Fund. A Handicap for all Arab and C. B. horses. Forced for winners at Rs. 50 for each race won, free to losers, with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Criterion. Rs. 300. A Handicap for all horses running in Welter, Planters and Corinthians; forced for their winners at Rs. 30, and optional to losers with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 20 for those declared to start. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

The Diana Plate. Value Rs. 200. For all Ladies' horses that have never started except for Ladies' Races for one year previously. Weight for age and class raised 2st. Entrance Rs. 20 to go to the Fund. G. R. only. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Handicap Hurdle Race. Rs. 400. Entrance Rs. 50. H. F. About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Course as for Planters' Purse.

RULES.

1. All Entries, with age and class, all Starting Declarations, with name, weight, and color of rider, to be made in writing, and addressed to the Honorary Secretary, at Wellington.

2. Calcutta Turf Club Rules in force when not clashing with local ones, and Rule 36 will be strictly enforced. Cheques must be on the Madras Branch Bank at Ootacamund, or discount will be charged. Settling day 28th May for losers, 29th for winners.

3. A Winning Fee of one Gold Mohur will be charged for each race won, and unless three horses in *bona-fide* separate in-

terests start for a race, the Cups, Purse, or Public Money will be withheld.*

4. Owners or enterers of horses in races,—Diana, Corinthians, and Pony Races excepted,—to pay Rs. 50 to enable them to enter one horse; Rs. 75 for two, and Rs. 100 for three or more; and a fee of Rs. 15 will be charged for all horses galloped on the Course, and Rs. 5 for Ponies.

5. No one to be allowed to enter or nominate a horse for Diana Plate, Corinthians, or Pony Race, or to take a ticket in a Lottery or Pari Mutuel, subscribing less than Rs. 15.

6. Seven per cent. on the gross value of lotteries and Pari Mutuel to be carried to credit of Fund.

7. European professionals to carry 7lbs. extra in G. R. races.

8. If the subscriptions do not realise sufficient for the advertised money and expences, a proportionate deduction will be made from each race.

9. Horses to be measured and aged by the Stewards at 7 A. M. on the Saturday before the meeting; at any other time a fee of one G. M. will be charged, to go to the Fund.

10. All objections to qualifications to be made by noon the day before the race; to the running in a race before or when the objecting rider is weighed; in either instance, as also in disputes on bets or lotteries submitted to the Stewards, a fee of Rs. 50 must be paid before it is heard, to be returned if the objection is valid.

11. Horses landed in India from Australia, the Cape or England, within eight months allowed 3lbs., within five months 6lbs.

12. In all Arab Races, Handicaps excepted, the top weight will be 9st. 7lbs., others to be reduced in proportion.

13. In all races open to Platers, Handicaps excepted, Maidens allowed 4lbs. except otherwise specified.

NOTICE.—Owners wanting Stabling are requested to notify their wishes as soon as possible. The Course will be open for training as soon as the frost is over.

Prospectuses can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

* Calcutta T. C. Rule 78 will be carried out on that basis.

Dates, &c., for Closing and Declaring.

Race.	Closes.	Starting Declarations.
Maiden Purse ...	1st May, 1877.	14th May, 8 A. M.
Wellington Derby ...	Do.	Do.
Welter	Do.	Do.
Trial Stakes	Do.	Do.
Welcome Purse ...	Do.	Do.
Brewer's Purse ...	16th May, 8 A. M.	16th May, 8 A. M.
Neilgherry Cup ...	1st May.	Do.
Coonoor Purse ...	Do.	Do.
Corinthians	16th May, 8 A. M.	Do.
Planters' Purse ...	1st May.	Do.
Diana Plate	18th May, 8 A. M.	Before the Lottery.
All Handicaps... ..	Do.	Do.

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PROSPECTUS OF THE POONA RACES, 1877.

Length of Course—1½ mile and 47 yds.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

The Poona Derby. Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden Country-bred horses, born in the Bombay Presidency; and Maiden Arabs. Weight for age and class, raised 7lbs. Arabs landed after 1st of September 1876 allowed 4lbs. Entrance on 1st May 3 G. Ms., 1st June 5 G. Ms., 1st July 10 G. Ms., 1st August 15 G. Ms., and 1st September 20 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance 1½ miles. In the event of Arabs only starting, Arab weight for age reduced 7lbs.

Champagne Stakes. Rs. 500. For all Arabs, weight 9 stone, winners of one previous season to carry 4lbs. extra; of two or more 10lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms. When the Race will close. Distance 1 mile.

The Maiden Galloways. Rs. 500. For all Maiden Arab and Country-bred Galloways. Weight for age and inches. Horses landed after 1st September 1876 allowed 4lbs. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Deccan Derby. Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden, English, Colonial, and Country-bred Horses. Weight for age and class. Horses landed after 1st January 1876 allowed 4lbs. Entrance on 1st May 3 G. Ms., 1st June 5 G. Ms., 1st July 10 G. Ms., 1st August 15 G. Ms., and 1st September 20 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Service Stakes. Rs. 500. For Maiden Arabs the property of Officers of the Services or Members of the Clubs. Weight for age raised 14lbs. G. R. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms. when the Race will close. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

The Governor's Cup on his own terms to be published hereafter.

The Poona Stakes. Rs. 500. For all Arabs and Country-breds, weight for age and class raised 7lbs. Winners, once 5lbs, twice 10lbs., Oftener 14lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Horses landed after 1st September 1876 allowed 4lbs. If Arabs run only weight for ages reduced 7lbs. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Home Bred Stakes. Rs. 400. For horses bred in the Bombay Presidency. Weight for age and inches—(to be calculated according to the old rule W. I. T. C., i. e., the mean between the present weight for age and weight for inches to be taken.) Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., and 1st August 5 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Four horses to start, or half the added money will be withheld. Not forced for winner's Handicap.

The Criterion. Rs. 500. For all Arabs, the property of officers of the services, or Members of the Clubs. Weight for age, raised 14lbs. Winners one season 5lbs., 2 seasons 10lbs., oftener

14lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Galloways allowed 4lbs. G. R. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

His Highness Aga Khan's Purse. Of Rs. 500 for all Maiden Arabs. Weight for age. The Scale by the express wish of the donor to be as follows: 3 years 7st. 4lbs, 4 years 7st. 12lbs, 5 years 8st. 5lbs, 6 years 8st. 12lbs, and 7 years 9st, 0 lbs. The winner of the Derby to carry 4lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st May Rs. 50, 1st June Rs. 100, and 1st August Rs. 150. A Sweepstakes of 5 G. Ms. for each horse declared to start. One mile and a half. Three horses from different stables to start or the Purse will be withheld.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

The Trial Stakes. Rs. 500, for all horses. Weight for age and class. Maidens allowed 10lbs. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance 1 mile.

The Deccan Handicap. Rs. 500, for all Arab and Presidency born Country-bred horses. Top weight to be fixed at the discretion of the Stewards. Entrance 5 G. Ms., 2 G. Ms. forfeit for not standing the Handicap. To close and name at 7 A. M. on the day before the Race. Handicap to be published at 9 A. M. Acceptances to be in the box by 2 P. M. Distance round the course and a distance.

The Galloway Plate. Rs. 500. For all Arabs and Country-bred Galloways. Weight for age and inches, 14 hands to carry 9 stones. Country-bred allowed 7lbs. Winners one season 5lbs. extra, 2 Seasons 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Entrance on 1st May 2 G. Ms., 1st June 3 G. Ms., 1st July 4 G. Ms., 1st August 5 G. Ms., and 1st September 10 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

A Purse. Value Rs. 1,000, presented by a Friend of the Turf. For all Arabs and Country-breds born in the Bombay Presidency which have been purchased from Mr. Alli Abdoels's stable, or passed through his hands since 1875. Arab Weight for age, reduced 7lbs. Maidens allowed 7lbs.; and those which have never started before the day of the race 12lbs. Arabs landed after 1st September 1876 allowed 4lbs. additional.

Winners once 4lbs., twice and oftener 7lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st May 3 G. Ms., 1st July 6 G. Ms., and 1st August 10 G. Ms., when the race will close, with a sweepstakes of 10 G. Ms. for each horse declared to start. R. C. and a distance.

The Hack Race. Rs. 400 for all Arabs. Weight 10st. 7lbs. Winners in one previous season 5lbs., in two 10lbs., in three 14lbs. extra. Winner claimable for Rs. 800. Entrance Rs. 20 to close and name at 7 A. M. the day before the race. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. G. R. Winner to be put up at Rs. 800 after the last race of the 5th day.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

Winners' Handicap. Rs. 1,000. Forced for all Arab, and Presidency C. B. winners during the Meeting (G. R. Races excepted) and optional to losers and horses that have run in closed races. Top weight to be at the discretion of the Stewards. Entrances to be made by 7 A. M. the day before the race. Handicap to be published by 9 A. M. Acceptances to be in the box by 2 P. M. Entrance 5 G. Ms. Distance 2 miles.

The Poona Handicap. Rs. 1,000. For all horses. Forced for English and Colonial winners during the Meeting (G. R. Races excepted) optional to C. B. winners, and horses that have run in closed races. Top weight to be at the discretion of the Stewards. Entrances to be made by 7 A. M. the day before the race. Handicap to be published by 9 A. M. Acceptances to be in the box by 2 P. M. Entrance 5 G. Ms. Distance 2 miles.

The Galloway Handicap. Rs. 300. For all Galloways that have started during the Meeting. Entrances to be made by 7 A. M., the day before the race. Handicap to be published by 9 A. M. Acceptances to be in the box by 2 P. M. Entrance 3 G. Ms., with 1 G. M. forfeit for not standing the Handicap. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Hacks. Rs. 400. For all horses, weight 10-7. Winner in one previous season 5lbs., in two 10, in three 14lbs. extra. Winner claimable for Rs. 800. G. R. Entrance Rs. 20; to close and name at 7 A. M. the day before the race. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Winner to be put up at Rs. 800 after the last race of the 5th day.

Pony Plate. Rs. 250. For all ponies 13-2 and under. Weight for inches 13-2 to carry 10st. Previous winners 7lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 20. To close and name at 7 A. M. the day before the race. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

FIFTH DAY, THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

Poona Steeple Chase. Rs. 500 from the Fund for all Arabs and Country-breds. Arabs and C. Bs. 11st. Winners, once to carry 3lbs., twice 4lbs., oftener 7lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Entrance 1st August 2 G. Ms., 1st September 4 G. Ms., the day before the race 5 G. Ms., when the Race will close. Steeplechase Course about 3 miles. G. R. Those who have never won a Steeplechase allowed 4lbs.

The Grand Annual Steeple Chase. Rs. 1,000 from the Fund; for all English and Colonial-bred horses. English 12 stone. Colonials 11st. 7lbs. Winners once to carry 3lbs., twice 4lbs., oftener 7lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Entrance on 1st August 3 G. Ms., 1st September 5 G. Ms., the day before the race 7 G. Ms., when the race will close. Steeplechase Course about 3 miles. G. R. Those who have never won a Steeplechase allowed 4lbs.

W. B.—In these Steeplechases the full amount will only be given if three horses *bond fide* the property of different owners and from different stables start. No added money given for a Walk Over.

The Pony Steeplechase. Rs. 300 for all ponies. Weight for inches, 13-2 to carry 11st. Previous winners to carry 5lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st August 1 G. M., and 1st September 2 G. Ms., when the race will close. Steeplechase course about 1½ miles. G. R. Those who have never won a Steeplechase allowed 4lbs.

N. B.—In this Prospectus it is to be understood that the term "Presidency born Country-breds" includes horses bred in any part of the Bombay Presidency, which politically or as regards civil administration, is under the Government of Bombay. The produce of imported English and Colonial mares to carry 14lbs. more than Arabs. Of imported Arab mares 7lbs. extra, of Country-bred mares even with Arabs.

RULES.

1. The W. I. T. C. Rules as published in 1874, to be adhered to unless otherwise provided for.
2. The decision of the Stewards, as to matters of fact, to be final.
3. Horses, without approved certificates, will be aged and measured by the Stewards, or by some person appointed by them,

on the 1st September 1877. Gentlemen holding certificates of the age of their horses, will be required to produce them.

4. Owners of horses to subscribe Rs. 50 to the Fund. In Confederacies, each member to subscribe Rs. 50. Owners of horses entered in Hack races to subscribe 2 G. Ms.

5. A winner's fee of 1. G. M. will be charged on all races won on the course. Pony races excepted.

6. No horse to start unless his entrance money has been previously paid.

7. There must be three entrances in *bond fide* separate interests, to constitute a race, else it will be considered null and void.

8. Three horses in separate interests to start or no public money, Cup or Purse will be given. No public money for a W. O.

9. A rateable deduction will be made from the amount added by the Fund, should subscriptions fall short of the advertised money.

10. Winners of, and in, lotteries are required to pay 5 per cent of their winnings to the Fund.

11. Horses to be backed in the Pari-Mutuel, and not stables.

12. No alteration can be made in the Lottery Books after the lotteries are drawn and closed. No division of a horse, under $\frac{1}{2}$, allowed in the books.

13. After the course has been put in order a fee of Rs. 10 will be demanded for every horse ridden or exercised thereon.

14. In the event of any race not filling, the Stewards have power to make another.

15. Should the weather prove unfavourable, the Stewards have the power to postpone the meeting, for as many days as they think fit; or should the races have commenced, from race day to race day.

16. A day not less than a week, after the date on which the last race of the meeting is run, will be fixed by the Secretary—on which all accounts must be settled.

17. Any owner of horses, galloping them on the course after it has been closed by the Secretary shall not be allowed to start a horse during the meeting, and any jockey galloping horses on the course when closed will either be debarred from riding during the meeting, or fined a sum of Rs. 100 at the discretion of the Stewards.

18. No mare or gelding allowance in Selling Races.

19. The Stewards have the power to call upon any person entering horses for the meeting to pay in advance, or at the time of his taking the nominations or entrances, all the forfeits for which he may become liable thereon. In cases of non-compliance the entrances or nominations will be rejected.

20. Rule 124 A of W. I. T. C., referring to G. R.s to be strictly enforced.

21. Closed races are open only to Officers of H. M.'s Services Civil (Covenanted) Military and Naval, and Members of the following Clubs *viz* :—Any recognized Club in England. The Bengal Club, Calcutta, Byculla Club, Bombay, Madras Club, Madras, Western India Club, Poona.

22. The closed races are to be ridden by G. R., Professionals allowed to ride with 5lbs. extra.

23. Horses entered in the closed races, must have been *bond fide* the property of any one qualified by rule 21 to run, for three months previous to the 1st September 1877.

24. Horses entered for the Mahsraja's Cup at Bangalore, or the Poona or Bombay Derbies, and all horses which have won a race, in which the added public money exceeded Rs. 500, are debarred from entering for the *Service Stakes* and *Criterion*.

25. Horses to be at the starting post for each race, precisely at the hour named on the card, or they will be liable to be left out of the Race.

26. The colors of riders must be given in the declaration to start. Failure to do so or any subsequent change, will render the owner liable to a fine of Rs. 10.

27. Any objection to a horse being incorrectly entered, in Race must be made if possible before the start.

28. All objections to be made to the Secretary in writing, and the objector must at the same time deposit Rs. 50, which sum is to be forfeited if the objection be considered frivolous by the Stewards.

29. It is particularly requested that all communications be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Poona, No. 4, Main Street and not to any one by name.

30. Entrances to reach the Secretary on or before the dates named.

S. FELLOWS, MAJOR,

POONA, 15TH DEC., 1876.

For Hony. Secretary.

RACING FIXTURES, 1877.

		1877.	
Ballygunge	Races	January ...	20th, and 27th.
Jorehaut	,,	Ditto ...	16th, 18th, and 19th.
Mozufferpore	,,	Ditto ...	16th, 18th, 20th, and 23rd.
Madras	,,	Ditto ...	18th, 20th, 23rd, 25th, and 27th.
Sylhet	,,	Ditto ...	23rd, and 25th.
Lucknow	,,	February ...	6th, 8th, and 10th.
Bombay	,,	Ditto ...	10th, 13th, and 15th.
Mhow & Central India	,,	March ...	10th, 13th and 15th.
Kadir Cup Contest	,,	Ditto ...	18th.
Wellington	Races	May ...	15th, 17th, and 19th.
Poona	,,	September..	11th, 13th, 15th, 18th and 20th.

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Br h KINGCRAFT ... 6 years, by Kingston (imp.) out of By-
loug's sister ... Plater.
B gel EXETER ... (Late Ry.) aged ... Plater.
B gel SPEC ... Aged .. Maiden of the season.
Br gel NOVELIST ... 5 years, by Smuggler out of Romance
(imported from England) by New
Court, out of Ladye of Silverkeld
Well by Velocipede out of Emma
by Whisker ... Maiden.
B gel ORLANDO ... 5 years, by Australian out of Mignio-
nette, by Prince William out of
Brunette, by Æther out of Medusa
by Mæonides ... Maiden.

Arabs.

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within 10 yards,
side of a pán-garden. As we were on horseback and without a gun of any kind, we could do nothing and in a few seconds our friend slunk off, not without casting longing eyes at A's kangaroo hounds.

February 15th.—The next morning, February 15th, we started to beat Togur Chur about six miles to the southwest of Jamalpore where our host D had *khubber* of a tigress. In the first beat we put her up but without getting a shot: she went on ahead, but took advantage of some thick jhow to break back through the line. Back we went after her, and A got a beautiful chance as she walked across a piece of open within 20 yards of him; but unfortunately old Dholutbhari (the elephant he was on) saw her just as A raised his gun and made a rush forward sending him back on to the *howdah* seat. The tigress went quickly on into a small patch where both I and D missed

her as she broke through the line. After this she fairly beat us, for we tried every corner over and over again but never got another glimpse of her. However in the confusion we came upon one of her *butchas* (a small one about five feet) which we set valiantly on to and succeeded in killing.

February 18th.—Kápáshátá.—The same tigress beat us again. We found her in a narrow strip of jhow which ran along the edge of the River Jhinai. A was the only one who saw her, as she disappeared into a heavy patch of jungle just ahead of him. Up and down a most beatable jungle we went until the whole of it was levelled, but without finding her; and at last gave it up as a bad job; A having in the meantime become a firm believer in the theory of optical delusions. However it appeared next day that some boatmen had seen her lying on the banks of the river in some short scrub where we must repeatedly have passed within 10 yards of her, so A's confidence in his eyes was happily restored. On our way home we bagged a lot of painters. In the evening we went out with A's dogs and killed three foxes, two of which gave us snorting good runs.

February 19th.—We determined to have a day's pigstick-ing, Mrs. A and D on the elephants beating. We found a lot of pigs but they seemed quite satisfied with their quarters and would not break. At last I determined on getting on an elephant and endeavouring to persuade the "unclean ones" to take a gallop across the open. I had hardly joined the line when A saw a fine pig and a half-grown one break at the south end of the jungle. He immediately made sail in pursuit, but being over-confident, and not pressing them sufficiently at first, they managed to get into Togur Chur with whole skins. Back he came thoroughly disgusted that he should have been so fairly done by both. As soon as I saw A sailing away, I got on to my mare but was of course too late to be of any use. However, directly we got back and recommenced beating; out bounced a boar close to us; we were at him at once and after a very smart run, speared him. Back again, and after a little beating another pig broke to my left, and took across a small *lhal*, luckily at the only place where we could have crossed it. A being busy watching for a third, who had made his appearance lower down, did not get up until after I had speared the pig which we killed together

after a good fight. After this A speared a small boar between two patches of the jungle. There was another fine boar in the jungle, but we could not get him to break although D peppered him freely with No. 5 shot. So as it was getting late we left him "alone in his glory."

February 20th.—Went on a "wild goose chase." Did nothing.

February 21st.—*Aranhátia.*—Found a tiger in heavy jungle (luckily narrow along the banks of the river). When we had driven him up to the very end he charged A's elephant meaning real mischief. He came along lashing his tail from side to side but was turned with a ball from A's express under the eye, and went back and laid up in a thick bush. We unfortunately broke the line in our eagerness to have at him, and he took advantage of it and got back. We at once took the elephants out of the jungle and went right back to the end from which we had commenced. We beat very slowly smashing down all the heavy bits as we went. The tiger kept on ahead and went into exactly the same bush again at the end. Just at this juncture I disturbed a bee's nest, and the occupants set on me in right good earnest. I, the *mahout*, and chaprasee covered ourselves with blankets, and the elephant, left to his own stupid devices, was wandering quietly straight into the tiger's mouth when A shouted out and suggested that perhaps any other direction might be safer under the circumstances. Almost immediately afterwards the tiger charged A again, who this time hit him on the end of the nose, and as he turned away gave him another ball in the side. Hearing the charge and the report of A's gun, I poked my head up from underneath the blanket, and seized my gun, but instantly recognizing the unpleasantness of the situation, the bees still swarming round me, bobbed down again. This was not of much consequence as the tiger was by this time about done. He sneaked into a heavy thorn bush where A had no difficulty in giving him his *coup de grace*. He proved to be a very fine male 9 feet 7½ inches. In the evening we went out jackal hunting as usual.

February 22nd.—Went across the river and found a tigress in some very low jhow; we wounded her as she went off like a hare across the maidan. She went as if the devil was behind her, and did not stop for a good ¾ of a mile, when she laid up in a narrow strip on the banks of the river. Here she charged and got hold of the tiffin elephant

by the tail; the khidmutgar, who, I firmly believe was asleep, woke up with a start and fell off. For a moment he and the tigress were rolling about in the same bush together, but the boy now thoroughly awake made himself very scarce with an I'll-get-you-to-excuse-me sort of expression on his face. We soon finished the tigress off; she measured 8 feet 7 inches.

February 23rd.—February 23rd was a blank day. We beat a lot of ground, for a tiger we heard was about, but never found him.

February 24th.—Shyamgunge.—Got *khubber* of a tigress about six miles from camp. We found her in a small bit of nul with no other jungle near, and very soon had her padded. Hunted about for the tiger, her consort, but as he only dwelt in the imagination of the natives, it is hardly necessary to say we did not see him.

February 28th.—Nothing worth mentioning until the 28th when we got a tigress, 8 feet 9 inches on Manik Chur. A shot a boar here, and his excuses for doing so were, 1st, because the country was impracticable to ride over; 2nd, because his dogs had no meat; 3rd, because he declared he never saw such a big pig before, and was anxious to measure him, being a little sceptical about 40 inch boars of which he had occasionally heard. This one measured from the point of the false hoof straight to the highest point of his withers 36 inches; he was 5 feet 11 inches from the tip of his snout to the end of his tail and 3 feet 11 inches in girth.

March 1st.—Madari Chur.—A got a boar 31½ inches after a good run. I was unable to ride. C turned up from the other side of the river.

Went off after a tiger, but as the jungle was very heavy we gave it up. On the way back A and C tried some grass for pig; about half a dozen broke; C after one and A after another. A killed his, and just as he had done so, another passed close to him which he also speared. C, who had lost his pig, now came up to A's assistance who was spearless, and after a very near shave of getting his horse cut, the pig was brought to book. After this they got a fine boar 34 inches, who did not however show much fight. I lost a day's fun as my horses had been laid out on dāk.

March 3rd.—I had to leave for a few days, and the rest of the party crossed over to Puttidooa on the Rungpore side of the river.

March 5th.—A and C went out about 7-30 A. M. to try a small corner where they had, the night before, seen a lot of tiger tracks. When they had tried all the heavy, they beat down towards the river "Teesta" through some light thin jhow growing on sand and not more than four feet high. All of a sudden, up jumped four tigers and charged the line in different places; the *mahouts* were perfectly demoralized, and it would be difficult to say who were more scared, they or the tigers. A says he is afraid he used some bad language, and I have not the least doubt he did, for all the tigers broke through the line and got into the heavy jungle; however the line was reformed and had hardly got well into the jungle when one of the tigers charged a beater elephant next to A's. A fired and hit him in the hip, and, as he turned, shot him through the neck. No. 2 charged A without much provocation, and as he came across a bit of open, was howled over with a right and left. No. 3, the tigress, was driven into a corner where she charged C right well, but his elephant behaved so shamefully, that he missed her at about five yards. A had a long shot at her as she galloped across the maidan and was lucky enough to shoot her right through the heart. No. 4 they had to try back for, C would not believe there was another, but as A was positive, back they went and very soon found him. He broke on C's side who made a long shot and slightly wounded him; he went off into some light jhow and when the *howdahs* came up within 10 yards of him, one of the beater elephants broke the line, rushed forward and had a single-handed turn up with the tiger. They fought for some 30 seconds, the tiger scratching and biting, and the elephant nothing daunted pummelling away like a good 'un; the result of the fight was, the elephant had her trunk rather badly scratched but she broke the tiger's back, and as the latter crawled away he was polished off. A and C got back to camp at 11-30 A. M. having killed four tigers: not a bad morning's work.

Measurements were as follow :—

Tigress, a whopper,	...	...	9 feet	4 inches.
No. 2	...	...	7 "	4 "
No. 3	...	...	7 "	4 "
No. 4, a young male,	...	...	7 "	9 "

March 6th.—A got a fine boar 32½ inches. C who was with him broke a stirrup leather, and A would have lost the

pig if his wife, who was on horse-back, had not galloped back and brought up a second spear just in the nick of time.

March 7th.—Chilmári.—A went out for an hour in the evening with his wife (who as usual carried a second spear for him) and got two pigs.

March 10th.—Mogulbacheea.—Got *khubber* of 12 tigers! which the natives declared they had seen walking abreast about the neighbourhood. Beat every place they thought likely but found no sign of them. In the afternoon A got two splendid boars 33 and 35 inches besides a sow.

March 11th.—A and C beat for the 12 tigers again without success. C left the party as he had work to attend to.

March 12th.—I arrived at 2 A.M. At 7 A.M. A and I again went in search of the 12 tigers, and while beating a narrow strip of grass, we suddenly found ourselves in the middle of six!! No. 1, a fine male 10 feet 1½ inches, occupied our attention first; we could not see him for the grass, and several times we were right on the top of him, but he only sneaked about and we polished him off without much excitement. No. 2, a butcha, 7 feet 6 inches, we shot immediately afterwards. We had hardly finished him, when Nos. 3 and 4, 7 feet 7 inches and 7 feet 5 inches, respectively, bolted out one on A's side and the other on mine, and we both killed our tigers with a right and left. Four tigers in less than 15 minutes!!! Then we started No. 5, another butcha 7 feet 9½ inches and the tigress together; they broke from the main jungle and went into a small patch a little to the right. The tigress passed close to A, but his rifle missed fire both barrels and she got off scotfree. We followed them up but somehow passed over them both; on returning we found the butcha and polished him off; five tigers in three quarters of an hour! And had it not been for the miss fires we probably would have bagged six! We beat high and low for the tigress but could make nothing of her. About 11 o'clock we had breakfast, the elephants in the meanwhile padding the five tigers. After a pipe, we went at it again with renewed vigour, and after beating every conceivable corner and patch, we decided to take a strip of grass at the top of the main jungle and beat homewards. We had got to the very end and were just despairing of ever seeing the tigress again, when out she bounced. We blazed away but as we were rather too much in a hurry, being taken by surprise, I don't think we touched her. After a

little hunting, she got up in front of A who gave her a hot one in the shoulder; she staggered and fell over, but got up and bolted on some distance, and crouched in a tuft of grass almost in the maidan where A and I got close to her and gave her a volley. This seemed to put new life into her, for she went off as if nothing had happened; we followed her, and I having in the chevy got a little ahead of the line, was just turning back to get into place, when the tigress, who was just in front of A's elephant, made a couple of bounds and landed fairly on the edge of my *gaddee* with the girth ring of the *howdah* between her teeth: she nearly pulled the *howdah* over; I and the chaprasee behind me were as nearly out as possible. Old Mai (the elephant) never moved a muscle, but stood as still as if the *mahouts* had only been putting her *howdah* straight. After a second or two the tigress dropped off and went at a pad elephant, and having cleared a space for herself laid up in a bush where we finished her without any further scrimmage. So by 2 o'clock we had bagged six tigers and had come to the end of one of the finest day's tiger shooting, I believe, on record, not excepting the Prince of Wales's in Nepaul. The tigress measured eight feet one inch. On the way home we bagged a florican.

March 13th.—A got five pigs to his own cheek, one a 35 incher who fought like a Trojan, and had to be finished in the river where he had taken refuge. A was nearly sinking in a quick-sand but luckily got out just in time. My horses had not come up so I could only beat.

Between this and the 18th we got no big game. One deer, lots of florican and hares, &c., with a few partridges comprised the bag.

March 18th.—On the 18th A and I got a splendid boar 36½ inches measured on the Tent Club method, he was just a small fraction of an inch under 40 inches. He got into my mare but luckily only very slightly scratched her.

March 19th.—Started homeward and the next day at Jamalpore, we brought our sport to a close by bagging a leopard seven feet four inches. Altogether the bag was a fair one and neither A nor myself were at all disposed to grumble, for the churs, there can be no doubt, are not the "happy hunting grounds" they were ten years ago. Still with pleasant companions, there are many worse places to go to for a month or six weeks, and I only hope I may

have a chance of paying them another visit. I ought not to omit to say how much we are indebted to our good friends C and D for the admirable arrangements they made for our comfort, and also to secure us sport.

OUR GRIFFS AGAIN.

BY PIPE

SINCE our friends figured in your number for May 1875, I have quite lost sight of A, our griff No. 2. In fact I hear he finds shooting rather an expensive amusement and a terrific waste of powder and ammunition, while spooning and desk-work are more congenial to his pursuits and habits.

But D, or our griff No. 1, is to the fore still and just as big a griff as ever. He managed to fluke a tigress the other day, which put me in mind that I had not written for the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* for an age and could not hit upon a happier subject.

Before bringing you down to date, viz, the death of the tigress, I shall digress a while to dwell upon some of his later exploits.

I think I mentioned that "in the way of biped species man" his brother "had never shot any though he had been uncommonly near doing so several times," but griff No. 1 quite out-Herods Herod. A short time back he was obliged to visit an island that lay in the middle of a large river, which waters our district, in order to look over his cultivation. He crossed over in a country-boat along with his horse and four or five followers. Thinking he might come across crocodiles, alligators, or a stray deer or pig, he carried along his gun loaded with small shot, for he knew full well he could not hit even a hay-stack with a bullet.

However he met with other game than he had anticipated.

A feud of long standing had existed between the factory and the inhabitants of the island about to be visited by our friend. So that when he moored his boat, a warm reception awaited him of sticks and clods (I am writing his version of the story I must tell you). He managed

however to land as Julius Cæsar did of old, and no doubt he felt uncommonly like him for his imagination ranges wide. The savages (says he) made a tremendous attack, and he was compelled to fire two charges of No. 10 right into the midst of the *advancing* host. Yet strange to say, when the stern hand of justice summoned him to its tribunal, not a man produced had been hit in front while many were those who could shew wounds behind. This he has never been able to explain quite satisfactorily, and no more can I. He accounts for the paradox by saying the men produced those only in court that were hit in the rear to strengthen their case, while the numbers hit in front were wisely *non est*. This explanation, however, savours of "all my eye and Betty Martin Oh!" Whatever it be, he never in his life bagged so many heads of any other game, as of the species *homo* on this occasion. He luckily got off in flying colors before the bench of justice, and had not even the courtesy to make a bow to the presiding magistrate when acquitted.

During the present rains he got news of a tiger having lost its way and taken up its abode in the only patch of jungle that remained dry for miles round. Our friend, with his old Brown Bess together with twenty trusty followers, each armed with a gun and who score more points at a target than does our griff himself, sallied forth on a boat in quest of the tiger. Arrived at the island, our friend proposed that his followers should first get out of the boat, so that thus being lightened the boat could be brought nearer to land and he could jump on to the dry. At least this is how he puts it. But his trusty followers did not seem to see it in the same light and appeared afraid that the boat might be shoved off into deep water, and they be left to the tender mercy of the tiger and to their fate. Eventually our friend had to jump off first as he subsequently hints to assure his men that he was not a bit afraid.

And now the beat began. Our friend in the centre of the line or rather phalanx, for they all thought of the good old Scotch dodge of 'do or die but fight shoulder to shoulder' freely translated back to back. The niggers stood back to back and our friend in the middle of a solid square or rather circle. When he told his men to advance, those who had their faces towards the boat at once did so, the others I am sorry to say proved rebellious. However, after a short and pithy harangue, and the best of all arguments,

a pull at the flask all round, he persuaded a dozen of the most courageous to lead the way while he followed gun in hand. In this order they proceeded cautiously and with great circumspection. Presently the foremost stopped dead short and began carefully to examine some object he saw in front of him through the jungle. The hindmost (our friend) called out to know "w-w-w-what game was afoot." The foremost replied he could not make out quite distinctly. A halt was therefore called to consult as to the best stratagem to be adopted. At length our griff gave the order to close in, and, as he himself adds, "he made a semicircle round himself." How he did so I am at a loss to explain, and I do not know to this moment whether he means that he made a right about face or whether he intended the men to form a semicircle round him. Be that as it may, the manoeuvre was duly accomplished after one or two failures, when every body, gun pointed and fingers on trigger, began to advance in slow march. Presently the jungle began to wave near the end of the cover, and the excitement became intense. Our griff declares he was so excited that his knees began to knock together. The strain on his nerves, however, was soon relieved, and our griff pulled out his pocket-handkerchief to wipe the perspiration that was trickling down his face when the game broke and it proved to be a starved out jackall—the lonely tenant of the desert island.

I really cannot relate all this half so well as he himself innocently tells it, but I believe he is writing an account of this adventure for the *Maga* when you will see it pure and original.

And now we come down to the *shikar* which induced me to begin this tale.

By the middle of last August, the place which held our griff became inundated to such an extent that no victuals could be had for miles round. For a week he managed to exist on frogs, rats, and flying-foxes garnished with mushrooms that grew upon his refuse-indigo stack. But there is an end to all mortal pleasures. The mushrooms became exhausted; the flying-foxes took to other directions than over the bungalow; the rats, poor devils, swam for other shores; and even the frogs disappeared in the vast expanse of water. Our friend describes it as "no joke you know a fellow living like that with a spleen too whose mouth is turned upwards." So starved, and I might say drowned out,

he made tracks for other regions that were higher and further from the influence of the wild *Gunga Jee*—where the land produced other things besides rats, frogs, mushrooms and flying-foxes.

About this time he received an invitation from a friend whom we shall designate J. S. at whose residence he was not long in presenting himself.

On the 27th August, these two bundled into a pinnace and set sail for D——r factory where lived two other sporting acquaintances, H. D. and F. S. There they received the welcome news that a tigress and cub were located close to D——e, an out-factory, not far off: and that a large tiger and another tigress were also prowling about in the vicinity.

The next day was devoted to doing execution among deer and pigs. Four of the former and eight of the latter, as well as some partridges, were brought to book, but none fell to the aim of our griff. All he brought home were four little squeakers that he, with the aid of his *mahout*, had managed to catch alive. He never fails to keep his eye open for the main chance, which in this case was roasted sucking pig. I need hardly add, his crest consists of two mountains very much resembling loaves of bread, and his motto is short and sweet freely (translated) “always eating,” in Latin *semper eadem*.

On the 29th the same party, consisting of the four sportsmen, their *hâthees* and shooting paraphernalia, started in quest of the tigress and cubs. The road was uninteresting and much cut up, the gaps frequent with water running across; so that it is superfluous describing the journey, which, to say the least of it, was tedious and monotonous. Our griff occupied himself devouring native sweets and biscuits with which he had filled his pockets previous to starting.

Arrived at the out-factory, while the others were engaged cross-questioning the servants to extract the latest intelligence, our griff amused himself sauntering round the bungalow, surveying the place. He soon discovered there was a garden close by, in which, though an inundated part of the district, grew some fine pummellos, sugar-cane, cucumbers and plantains. Getting through the hedge was the work of a moment, and he was soon employed, as he styles it, “making up for lost time—a month’s starvation”—pitching into the good thing with which Fortune had provided him. When the inner man was satisfied being a provident youth, he laid in

a stock for future occasion by filling the back seat of his *howdah* with as much fruit, &c., as he could stow away, and "now" says he "I am ready for the tigers."

Interrogating the servants resulted in eliciting that the tigress and cubs sure enough lived on the site of an abandoned village called Bharsoar not more than a quarter of a mile off. The jungle, what there was of it, was light and heatable, beyond, at the end of the ridge of highland, was a cattle-pen, further on and all around was a sheet of water. So far satisfactory, for, the tiger trio, if there, could not elude pursuit; that they were still there was certain, as a man the day before, while coming from the cattle-pen to the factory, distinctly saw one of the cubs climb up a *maichan* that stood in a paddy-field to take a look at him; besides which that very night one of the factory tats had been killed in the compound not more than a couple of hundred yards off.

A start was accordingly made at about noon, and line was formed across the dry ridge of land, the beat lying in an easterly direction. Some paddy fields were passed through, and then came the site of the village. Here the elephants became decidedly uneasy, and presently a tiger-cub 5 feet 6 inches broke. J. S. being nearest, got a shot with his big rifle and, making a hole as big as one's fist, blew out nearly all the poor thing's entrails—so much for rifles and large bores. The tiger nothing daunted charged H. D. who put an end to its miseries with a second bullet. They beat on to the end of the cover but failed in rousing the tigress and the remaining cub. That they were there was evident from the number of pug marks in, and tracks through the jungle; so they beat back through the cover just drawn when the second cub was started. J. S., H. D. and F. S. pursued; our griff being under the impression that the *mother* had been put up did not care to follow, but beat in quite another direction. The other sportsmen soon came up with the tigress-cub. H. D. getting first shot in the hind-quarters, she ran across J. S. and F. S., the latter of whom broke her shoulder-joint, when J. S. finished her with a charge of shot in the neck. She measured 5 feet 3 inches. In the meantime, while all this was going on, our friend the griff kept steadily along a road that ran along one edge of the cover, between the jungle and a *nullah*. Whilst munching away at a piece of sugar-cane, imagine how much he must have been taken aback, when the very

animal he had tried to avoid stood right in front, not more than twenty paces off, staring him in the face. In danger or difficulty, I assure you, our friend is not behind hand in the art of self-defence; so he took up his gun, and with trembling arm, fired a couple of hurried shots in the direction of the tigress, and was greatly relieved when he saw her slink away. However he determined on a policy of masterly inactivity and did not move but lustily began to shout out for the others to come up. As they approached, our friend made straight towards them, as he subsequently states, "to join the line." On his way the elephant unfortunately came upon the tigress lying dead in a pool of water. The two bullets had taken effect, and not able to drag herself through the water had put an end to her existence by drowning. True enough there she lay as dead as a nit. However our friend was not quite sure, and when asked by J. S. "Where is the tiger?" replied hesitatingly "T-t-there" with his gun pointed in the direction; and after a pause, with a gasp of intense relief and mouth wide open, added "dea—d." She was duly awarded to our griff who together with F. S., got down to measure her. As soon as the *mahouts* pulled the tigress out of the water, F. S. holding one end of the tape and our griff the other, managed to make her out to be 5 feet 6 inches. "Hulloa" says our griff "she's only a cub;" but F. S. could not contain himself for laughter. So our griff asked H. D. to measure the brute, and this time the tape made her out 12 feet odd with which our griff was satisfied; though she was correctly measured afterwards to be 9 feet 4 inches. Now he never omits to tell every body he meets "I say, I got such a whopping tigress the other day, over 12 feet, and all to myself."

The party still continued to beat the cover to satisfy themselves that no tigers were left behind, and then adjourned to the bungalow in order to discuss lunch. After which, while the others lit their pipes and were cracking jokes, our griff regaled the party by discoursing sweet music on a flute belonging to the *sweeper*.

The rivers fell very much that day and during the night; so it was decided to leave the big tiger and the other tigress for a future opportunity. Last week we bagged the tigress, but the tiger still lives, and I hope we may get him yet when the jungles are burnt.

I shall write more about our friends another time.

SPORT IN OUDH.

By M. D. S.*

I HAD intended to send the accounts of our sport earlier; but fever with which I was down for some time, prevented my doing so. I am better now and take the liberty to write them as detailed below :—

On the 30th January last Mr. Currie's son came to Bulrampur with his father who was on tour of inspection. His camp arrived at C. D. A leopard and a female deer were killed by him. We remained with him as far as Putkhowlee, where a leopard was killed by a Tharoo who was cutting fodder for the M's elephant.

Our camp proceeded towards north to meet the C. C. of Oudh who was coming from Kheeree. We met Sir G. C. at Moteepore and then marched off together to Bahruich from whence he left for Lucknow. On our way to C's camp we bagged on the

8th February.—Two hares, two black partridges, one fox, two peacocks, one black buck, and one flying rat.

10th February.—One hare, three partridges, one hog, and one cheetal, were killed.

15th February.—Two hogs killed.

16th February.—One hare, four hogs, and two cheetals.

26th February.—Two hares, two hogs, and three partridges.

28th February.—We returned to B. Grant and bagged nine hares, 13 partridges, and two hogs.

29th February.—One hare, one hog, and three cheetals.

1st March.—Three hogs, and three cheetals.

2nd March.—Two hogs, and one cheetal.

3rd March.—One hog, and two cheetals.

4th March.—One hog, and one leopard. He had harassed many sportsmen and used to live in a patch of reed grass, he killed a hog and was devouring. The Maharaja was seeking sport, and unexpectedly saw him. One shot secured him. A male of 7 feet 5 inches.

6th March.—Two hares, two partridges, three hogs, and three cheetals were killed. One of these cheetals was

* A native gentleman.

caught by the black greyhound which M had purchased from a European. It is quite a young dog and very promising one. A man stabbed the deer and it died.

8th March.—We came to Luchmunpore. One parah and one hare were bagged. From this place one can get a good view of the River Raptée which flows near it. Large flocks of wild ducks and kulung (a species of bird of large breed) are seen flying from one direction to another. The river abounds with alligators, crocodiles and fish. Maharaja celebrated *Holy* festival here. It is the usual custom from the ancestors of the M's family to hunt some game on the next day of this festival. Accordingly on the

11th March.—A forest was surrounded in which two hares, eight peacocks, four hogs, and one leopard were killed. The leopard was wounded by the Maharaja and fled into another forest which was also beaten. As the beaters entered, it made a rush upon Buldeo Sepoy who was scratched in thighs and arms. Just as it left him, another shot put it to death. We were much delighted with this success on the auspicious day. B was in a precarious state for sometime, but restored to sound health and became fit for duty.

12th March.—One hog and one deer caught by hunting leopard.

15th March.—Two hares and four hogs killed.

16th March.—Eight hares.

17th March.—One deer caught by hunting leopard.

18th March.—Three hogs and two cheetals.

20th March.—One cheetal.

22nd March.—Three cheetals.

25th March.—One female leopard was killed by Mr. Shaw who joined our party from Kashmeer.

27th March.—Two hogs and eight wild ducks were shot.

28th March.—Two partridges and five hogs were killed.

1st April.—Two cheetals were killed.

4th April.—Two hares and four cheetals were killed.

5th April.—One hare, one partridge and three quails were shot.

7th April.—Four hares and four hogs were killed.

8th April.—Two leopards were killed by Mr. Shaw for whose amusement they were surrounded by a line of elephants in the B forest. They were extraordinarily large males measuring nine feet each.

9th April.—One flying rat was killed.

14th April.—One cheetal was killed.

16th April.—17 hares, one quail and two parah deer.

17th April.—One parah deer.

18th April.—One hare, two partridges and one parah deer.

19th April.—Two hares and five pigeons.

20th April.—One hare and five deer.

21st April.—One tigress. She was killed by Captain Shewdut Singh who sat to watch the water where wild beasts, in hot weather, when water is scarce, used to come to quench their thirsts. Messrs. Shaw and Marsh were also on their *machans*. She came at 9 P.M. and wallowed in the water. She came out of it and wished to go; Captain fired his rifle. The night was dark, but the bullet hit her in the side from the effects of which she died in a few minutes. The party sat the whole night on their *machans*. Early in the morning they brought her to camp and she measured eight feet six inches. A peacock and a hog were also killed on the same day.

24th April.—Three tigers were killed. In the morning a line of elephants in great hurry was seen, and I, who pitched my tent at some distance from the main camp, was informed that news of tigers has arrived and the M is going to meet them. Within few hours the party reached the place eight miles from camp. The informant showed the forest where the tigers were supposed to be. Some of the M's followers sat on trees and he himself with Mr. S advanced from the opposite side of the Jumnahut forest in which thick rennet trees grew. Their leafy and cool shades had induced the animals to live in them. The line advanced on, three tigers darted, at one of which Mr. S immediately fired, and another was killed by the M. The third came near the men sitting on trees. Its hip was broken from the shot of Soorut Singh's. There was great tumult on this occasion. The elephants trumpeted and the men rejoiced. Mr. S was pointing his kill and the M padding his. News was given of the third to the M who came on the spot and finished its life by his rabbit rifle. The largest of the three was killed by the M, a female of 8 feet 9 inches long. The other two were her cubs. The one killed by Mr. S was a male of 7½ feet, and the third was a female of the same measurement as the male one. Mr. S was up to this time much disappointed, but he was pleased with the result of this day's sport.

25th April.—One hare and six partridges were shot.

26th April.—One neelghai, eleven hares, six partridges and two antelopes killed.

27th April.—Four hares and two foxes.

28th April.—Two antelopes and two cheetals.

1st May.—One hog was killed.

3rd May.—Mr. Shaw left our camp for England. He took the skins of the four tigers killed during his presence. He is an excellent sportsman; never missed any game at which he fired.

4th May.—This day was also a lucky one. At Lulpore news was brought that a band of five tigers is surely to be found in a forest. Maharaja went to ascertain their whereabouts. He saw the foot-prints of small as well as of large ones, and ordered the forest to be beaten; four tigers were started. The largest of all came first in the presence of B. Bishwanath Singh who had been by mistake represented as Maharaja's nephew in your Magazine for April 1876. He is the son of the nephew of Maharaja from his brother's side. His *machan* was on a tree above a *nulla* and the tiger came on the opposite side of it. He fired his rifle which dropped it dead. Another came at whom he also fired. The symptoms of its vomiting shewed that it had received a wound. In the meantime a third came and was shot. A fourth hid untouched in a bush whom the Maharaja chased and wounded. It moved on and was seen again; a second shot from the M's rifle put him to death. The second tiger after receiving a wound went in presence of several men, two of whom claim that they killed it. But it was fearfully wounded by B. B. at first. It was found dead among the bushes. The third escaped wounded. Adjoining forests were searched, but it was not found on that day. The M. returned by the evening. The first was a female of 8½ feet. The second a male of 8 feet 9 inches, and the fourth of the same size as the second one.

6th May.—Two antelopes.

8th May.—M. marched off to C. D. News of a kill was given. He went there and was informed that it was of three or four days' kill. He was returning; some of the trackers gave information of a tiger in the same forest where the band of four tigers was met. Beating commenced. A large tiger came in the presence of the Maharaja who fired his rifle and the bullet hit in the lower end of a rib. It jumped up like lightning and was among

the beaters. It attacked the brave Ramdeen the trumpeter, who boldly faced it with his brass trumpet, which was seized by the brute and torn to pieces. It scratched him a little and then left to hide in a bush. The M. soon followed and finished its life by another shot. A large powerful male tiger measuring 9 feet.

9th May.—One hog. A report was given that a tiger is in a cave in the forest where the band of four tigers were found. Captains Soorajpershad Singh and Sohun Singh, sawar, sat up. At midnight, when all was silent, it came out and Sohun Singh fired at it. The bullet hit in the root of the ear and caused instantaneous death. It was the same tiger wounded on the 4th May. Its old wound was under the belly, and it must have pined to death within a short time; for it did not eat any thing since its first wound. It looked very lean. M. went to see and padded it to Bunkutwa. It was a male of the same size as his brothers of the 4th May.

13th May.—Ramdeen Passee killed a male leopard.

18th May.—Maharaja heard the report of a buffalo kill which was related thus:—that a female buffalo of the herd belonging to an Ahir has gone astray and killed by a tiger who is devouring it. M. took his men to the place; but the tiger left it. He determined to beat the forest. In the first beat the tiger came in the presence of M. who hit it, but it took no notice of the wound, jumped in a *nullah*, and fled to another forest not far off. Beating again commenced. Some of the men saw the tiger sleeping under a shady bush, as if quite undisturbed. They approached near; it raised its head, rose and went in front of Maharaja who was mounting on an elephant. He fired a second shot with effect, and the animal turned into another bush. In its chase M. fired ten shots at the vital parts, all of which hit, and it then died. It was a male 9 feet 4 inches long.

29th May.—A sepoy by name Rughbur Singh went on some purpose to a village and a bear pursued by villagers came in his presence. He ran for his own protection, but overtaken by the Bruin which scratched him fearfully. He was sent to Bunkutwa. M. searched for but did not find the bear.

9th June.—Ramdeen Passee killed another leopard, which was a female.

19th June.—Phulwaria is a village south of Bunkutwa, and near the place where Rughbur Singh was wounded.

A bear was reported to lie on a Bakhar (vessel made of sticks to hold corn) of the village. M took his followers and elephants, surrounded and raised it. One bullet from the M.'s rifle put it to death. A fine black male. It is doubtful whether this is the same bear which wounded R. S.

6th July.—We saw a serpent. It is called Ajgur or Chittee by the natives. It was lying in a slothful manner and swollen. They dragged it to camp and it died of friction. It was skinned, and to our great astonishment a deer was found in its digestive organs; the lower part of the animal was digested and the upper remained undigested. It was perceived the deer was caught by the hind leg and then devoured. There were many wounds in its throat and lower skin which were caused by the feet of the deer while struggling for life. The reptile's skin measured 24 feet long.

24th July.—Soorujpershad Singh killed one black male bear.

30th July.—Heard the news of three tigers, and ordered the forests to be beaten. They all came and the Maharaja killed the largest one. The other two were also wounded, of which Maharaja secured one. The third escaped wounded and was not seen since. The first was a female of 8 feet 11 inches, and the second her cub a male of 6 feet.

11th August.—A leopard did considerable injury to the inhabitants of Bunkutwa. Although the village was full of armed men, it carried away several calves, dogs, and cattle. Mr. Marsh lost his little lovely dog "Tiny" and another man his foal. It was so cautious that it did not frequent the village regularly; but at interval of some days it was sure to carry away an animal. Proposals were made to destroy it, but of no avail. We had a double spring tiger trap from Messrs. T. E. Thompson which was tried on many occasions, but no animal was ensnared. Sultan wished to try this machine. He made a fence of thin wood having one entrance only in which the trap was laid, and tied a Paria dog within. Fortunately the leopard came at 10 P.M. It was very cunning, and did not go inside. The fence was unroofed; it jumped from the top, killed the dog and tried to carry. But it was fastened with strong ropes and the leopard could not do so. It again jumped out of the fence. The dog's cry had led people to believe that some one teased it. Misfortune pressed the leopard to go

through the entrance, and just as it put its left fore-leg, it got entrapped. It tried to jump, but the machine was strongly tied. It struggled the whole night with its own strength. Then there was a fear that if loose it will do some more harm. The M. therefore directed B. Bishwanath Singh to finish its life by rabbit rifle. He fired one shot in its throat and it was motionless. A male one it was.

The sports of 1876 end with the following bag :—12 tigers, 32 leopards and numerous other beasts. All the tigers killed by the Maharaja were from a 16 bore "Express," which Mr. A. Henry of Edinburgh had made for him specially. We admire the skill of the manufacturer of this rifle, which answers all we wish.

There were two or three other parties from Oudh. But they were not so successful. One of them got five tigers only, and another three or four. I have been informed of this from private sources.

AN UNEXPECTED MEETING.

By A. S.

It was shortly after the last act of the great Drama of 1857 had been played out, which convulsed India from one end to the other while it lasted, that the writer of this paper met with the adventure recorded here. The jungles to the north of Boggleganj, a remote corner of North-Eastern Bengal, bordering on the confines of Nepal, were known far and wide as the preserve of this part of the country. Tigers, buffaloes, deer, pigs, *et hoc genus omne* stocked the forest for miles around, and it was seldom that a white face showed itself among them. The nearest station was at least 10 coss away, consequently none but the most enthusiastic sportsmen ever went into its depths. I had just returned from a trip to Calcutta, where I had gone with a two-fold object—first and foremost to recruit my health, which had been shattered by an obstinate fever that continued to harass me for months, and secondly to overhaul my battery, which required looking after, as the wear and tear of several years had told heavily on them. I also laid in a good stock of the munitions of war, and not forgetful of

the inner man, took the same opportunity of replenishing the cellar, and otherwise providing myself with the requisite 'comestibles,' as the French term it, or what is known as 'prog'; so when I returned I was fully equipped for a grand campaign. Having to accomplish the journey by boat and against stream, it took one whole day and the best part of another to reach my destination. The next morning I took a stroll through the jungles with my *shikaries*. After going for about five or six miles along a deer's run we came upon some fresh buffalo dung. We knew that game could not be far off. Here we divided, each man taking his own way, but within hailing distance of each other, following the 'spoor' of these animals. I had scarcely proceeded a hundred yards when a sharp whistle followed by another and another from one of my men brought me to a stand-still. I immediately retraced my steps, and cautiously advanced in the direction of the sound. All the three *shikaries* were on the spot before me. Through an opening in the jungle I could distinctly see eight or nine huge buffaloes quietly grazing on the sweet green grass within a short distance of us, the farthest not being more than a hundred yards from where we were standing. The largest bull among them, the leader of the herd, was indeed a monster. With a head and a pair of horns that were the wonder and admiration of our party, and his dewlap almost touching the ground, he looked as ferocious a beast as ever it was my lot to see. Having first ascertained the direction of the wind by means of a pinch of dust, that it was blowing from them to us and not *vice versa*, in which latter case the taint in the air exuded by human bodies would have warned them of our approach, we advanced with stealthy steps to another part of the forest from where I could not only command a better view of them, but would also have effectually prevented their retreat from the only outlet to the plains beyond. Here I had to wait some time as the leader was standing with his back towards me. I was getting impatient, when a number of flies (*dans*) attacked his head and ears. In his endeavour to get rid of them his left side was fairly exposed to me, and taking a deliberate aim I fired. Both the barrels lodged their contents in his side, and he came down in a sitting posture. Torrents of blood flowed from his mouth and nose. His lungs had been pierced. Leaving him there I emerged into the opening to find the rest of

the herd panic-struck. They were running about in a body trying to make their way to the jungle, but the intervening bushes offered an effective barrier to their egress. It was as I had expected. At this conjuncture the *shikaries* served the guns admirably. With each puff of smoke, one of the huge beasts lay sprawling on the ground. Those that were slightly hit recovered their legs and separately crashed through the jungle and disappeared; but a young male buffalo turned towards me and with eyes flashing fire, his tail erect like a poker, and the horns almost on a level with the ground, he made a dash at me. Taking a steady aim at his broad forehead which presented a capital target, I let him have some ounces of lead in the twinkling of an eye and jumped to one side. He passed me like a shot and fell stone-dead, the bullets having passed through the brain. Here was a capital day's work. In the course of a couple minutes or thereabouts four of the buffaloes were rendered *hors de combat*. I advanced to the one that lay with a broken leg, and soon put him out of pain by a ball through the temple. As my men wanted some beef, we covered the carcasses with leaves and branches of trees to prevent their being devoured by jackals and vultures, and proceeded on our way. We again separated, looking after the 'pugs' of tigers, as a large tank in the neighbourhood was evidently resorted to by wild animals of every description. I had gone for about a mile or so when over the tops of some young trees, I saw thin delicate curls of blue smoke ascending up in the morning air. To me this was not a novel sight, nor one to excite curiosity. In more secluded spots than the one before me I have come across dilapidated mosques or Hindu temples, where faquirs or jogees had taken up their abode, the fame of whose sanctity went abroad for miles around among the illiterate, ignorant peasantry of the surrounding country. I believe there is scarcely a jungle in all India that does not contain a rude shrine, with an uncouth carved stone in front, where votaries come to lay their offerings and invoke the intercession of the particular god or *pir* to whom the shrine is dedicated, either for worldly prosperity, or for recovery from an incurable malady, or some such fanciful idea. I therefore expected to meet with nothing beyond the usual jogee and his *chela*, both in the last stage of physical prostration, their bodies scantily clothed, covered with ashes, reclining on a leopard or deer skin, and wrapped in

meditation. But I was not prepared for what followed. As I entered the little courtyard, imagine my astonishment on seeing a remarkably well-built man, in the prime of life, lying at full length on a *charpoy* right against the only entrance to a diminutive temple. At the sight of me so completely armed, he jumped up and intuitively clutched at something which, in an instant, I perceived to be a sword. The incidents of the mutiny were too fresh in my memory to leave room for indecision. Passing the rifle to my left hand, I drew my revolver, at the same time calling out to him that if he passed the threshold of the temple I would land him a corpse then and there. Knowing from the expression on my face that I would keep my word, he hesitated, thinking discretion the better part of valour. His face was a stamped receipt for villainy. At best his looks were not very prepossessing, and a squint in the left eye did not certainly enhance the beauty of his features. He asked me what I wanted there. I replied by merely pointing to my sporting 'tog,' and in return enquired since what time he had taken up his residence in this desolate spot, adding that his sleek skin and the rotundity of his person left no doubt that he was living on the fat of the land. Penance and fasting had in no way contributed to his present state of health. On my telling him point-blank that he was a mutineer, he changed colour, evidently taking me for a police officer come incog to arrest him.

"Thus conscience does make cowards of us all."

He blandly denied the imputation, and in proof of his loyalty and respectability, fumbled about for a few minutes under his bedding and threw at me a handful of testimonials. I picked them up and read them. They were from several officers of the Irregular Cavalry testifying to the good character and behaviour of a man of the regiment; one even going so far as to express his regret at the man leaving the service. He then directed my attention to one in particular from the younger Nicholson, whose favorite he was. I could not for a moment doubt the genuineness of the certificates, but that they referred to the man before me was very questionable. How came a Panjabi, the happy recipient of these honors, to leave his native land with all the prospects of a military life before him, and travel hundreds of miles to settle down in this remote corner of Bengal

with no other object in view but to officiate at a particular shrine. There was an air of plausibility about his explanation which might have been accepted by a careless observer of men and manners, but to me it seemed all moonshine. However, not wishing to entangle myself in the meshes of a court of law, I told him that I would be satisfied if he gave up his sword to my keeping for any length of time I might choose to sojourn in these parts, with the assurance that I would return it to him when the expedition came to an end. He willingly parted with it, and when I returned to camp the same evening my men were not a little astonished at my adventure. I gave no thought to it until the day of my departure. On that day accompanied by the *shikaries* I went to the temple; but lo and behold it was tenantless. The solitary *charpoy* was the only furniture in it. The man, mutineer or no mutineer, had taken his departure with his little belongings, and I never heard of him afterwards.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PREDATORY HABITS OF THE SO-CALLED
INDIAN BISON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—The *Englishman's* favorable notice of the last December Number of the Magazine, has drawn my attention to this subject, and I hasten to explain the error which is pretty current among sportsmen.

Your able contributor, F. T. P., at p. 434, gives an instance of the so-called bison feeding on a standing crop of grain, and adds that, "Forsyth in his excellent book, *The Highlands of Central India*, says he never heard of bison helping themselves "to the villagers' crops."

It is, probably, not generally known that, the habits of the so-called bison greatly differ in various parts of India, and it is as well to point this out clearly once for all.

Now the *Gaur*, for that is the right name for the animal, is said by Hodgson to confine itself to the level country in the Sub-Himalayan parts, and never to ascend the hills, whilst in Southern India the very reverse of it is the case; and Colonel W. Campbell in his well-known *Indian Journal*, says at p. 233:—

"The favorite haunt of the bison" (*sic*) "appears to be a mountainous country clothed with forest."

Again, and this time on the point at issue, Hodgson says, according to Jerdon,* "that they never venture in the open Terai "to depredate on the crops," whilst from the same author we learn that, "Mr. Fisher, as quoted by Mr. W. Elliot," says otherwise, thus:—

"The chief food of the bison seems to be various grasses, the "castor-oil plant, and a species of *convolvulus*; but they will "eat with avidity any species of grain commonly cultivated in "the hills or plains, as the *ryots* find to their cost. The bison

* *Vide* the posthumous and latest edition of the *Mammals of India*, London, 1874, p. 304.

"is particularly fond of the *Avarycotty* (*Dolichos lablab*)* when in blossom; that they will invade and destroy fields of it in open daylight, in despite of any resistance the villagers can offer."

The differences between the veritable bisons, European and American, and our so-called Indian bisons,—the *Gaur* and the *Gayal*,—will be duly pointed out in my article on "Wrong Names in (Indian) Natural History."

Yours, etc.,

KHULNA.

YOUNG NIMROD.

BILLIARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—By your kindly giving the information asked for in the enclosed case at Pool, submitted for your decision, you will much oblige

Yours faithfully,

CUE TIP.

Four Players A, B, C, D represented respectively by White, Red, Yellow and Green Balls.

During the play, D or the Green Ball loses all its lives and refuses to star; consequently only three players remain.

White plays on Yellow and holes it, and again plays on Red, being the only Ball on the Table, which he fails to hole. Red in its turn plays on White and runs into a pocket off it. White is now the only Ball remaining on the Table, Yellow and Red being in hand.

What is now the proper course of proceeding? White has two lives remaining, Red and Yellow each one.

[Yellow, being next player, plays upon White from baulk.—ED.]

* A species of bean, described by Roxburgh as having "a heavy disagreeable smell. It is not palatable, but said to be "wholesome substantial food." It is likewise said to promote the milk of cows.

WORMS IN HORSES' EYES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—I have been induced to address you on this subject from seeing an article by MR. NIMROD, JUNIOR, in the May issue of the *Oriental Sporting Magazine*, in which Mr. N. seeks information respecting the parasitical ocular guests of the horse. There are two eye-worms, namely, the large example, "*Filaria Oculi*" or "*Filaria Papillosa*" which also infests various parts of the body, and the small example, "*Spiroptera Lachrymalis*." I can in a measure understand how* BARNEY AIMWELL was induced to record, that the so-designated "worm in the eye is not a worm at all, it is not endowed with any principles of vitality." Probably, in the cases which B. A. saw, the worms were dead and lying motionless at the bottom of the chamber of the eye. Respecting B. A.'s notion of the worm being "an inert congeries of homogenous matter capable of being conveyed back into the constitution," it is not altogether absurd and without some reason, and can be explained I think. I have witnessed several instances of worms appearing in an anomalous form and shape, being enveloped in a species of cocoon as it were. Such a form is occasionally familiar to the experienced; and probably B. A. saw a case of this kind and recorded it. Eye-worms are also occasionally conveyed back into the constitution by absorption, of which I have seen several instances. From my practical acquaintance with the subject of parasitism, I have no hesitation in saying that I think all external applications to the eye, with a view to the destruction of the worm, are in my humble opinion useless. With the plantain poultice cure (?), you are directed to apply the mashed pulp mixed with sugar every morning and evening, until the film be removed, and the worm disappears. The disappearance of the corneal opacity, is resultant upon the disappearance of the worm. Now it's possible for the worm to disappear on any day or even moment following the application of the plantain poultice, or indeed the application of any other agent, or without the application of any agent at all. The worm, so far as the outsider or amateur can detect, has disappeared, but it has simply migrated to another portion of its territory, notwithstanding which it is still in view of the professional man, and its presence can be demonstrated by the adoption of certain diagnostic measures. Ergo, the disappearance of the worm, and the clearing of the opacity of the cornea is no proof or evidence of cure. This, if true, exposes the empirical nature of the plantain poultice cure!

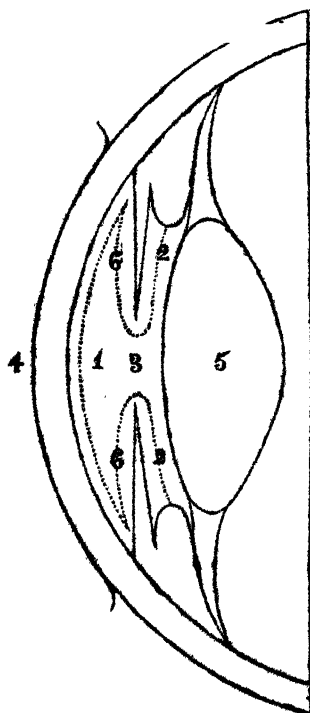
* Vide page 179, O. S. M., May 1876.

On examining the rough sketch which I append, the reader will at once see how it is that the worm disappears. The worm resides in the anterior chamber of the eye (1), which contains the aqueous humour, in which fluid the worm displays its gyral movements, and when tired of residing in the front parlour, it disappears through the pupillary opening (3) into the back parlour, or posterior part of the anterior chamber (2, 2). The dotted line shows the extent of the eye-worm's promenade. The worm's retirement into seclusion probably was the absorption which BARNEY AIMWELL spoke of, which, to say the least of, must have been very rapid, for at one moment the worm is in front, and the next moment the worm has retired, and may again come to view in just as short a time.

In conclusion, the writer begs to call YOUNG NIMROD's attention to Dr. Cobbold's useful and handy little book on "The Internal Parasites of our Domesticated Animals." The work is procurable at Messrs. Thacker, Spink & Co's.

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CALCUTTA.



A Longitudinal Section of the Front of the Globe of the Eye.

- 1.—The Anterior chamber of the eye.
- 2, 2.—Posterior part of Anterior chamber.
- 3.—The Pupil.
- 4.—Cornea or front of the eye.
- 5.—The Lens.
- 6, 6.—The Iris.

BURRA SINGHA AND SAMBUR DEER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Forgive me for expressing an opinion that I think you are mistaken regarding *Sambur* and *Burra Singha*. *Burra* is common Hindoostani for *large*, and I have heard the term applied indiscriminately to *Sambur* and *Gous* or Swamp Deer. In the Hills, the Paharis always talk of the *Sambur* as *Burra Singha*. *Burra Singha* is a term referring almost exclusively to the 12-lined deer of Cashmir. I have heard it used in Rohilcund and in Central India for *Gous* or Swamp Deer. Your mistake arises from the similarity of *Burra* and *Bara*.

Yours truly,

R. K.

[Perhaps the Naturalists YOUNG NIMROD and HAWKEYE will enlighten us on the point.—ED.]

A RACING CALENDAR AND NEW STEEPLE-CHASE RULES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—Allow me to make a suggestion that, I think, will be of great benefit to the sporting community, as well as raise the value of the *Oriental Sporting Magazine*. It is that you should, with your yearly volume of the Racing Calendar, not only give a complete Index to the winning horses, but also a separate index to all horses running at the regular meetings during the season; so that readers may subsequently be able to trace the performances of horses they may be interested in. If such a practice was observed, the difficulty encountered by G. R. D. of Bhaugulpore (Vide *Oriental Sporting Magazine* for December last) in regard to his horse *Speculation* would not have occurred. Further, could not a list of winning mounts be published? I have never yet seen such a table published in India.

I have one more question to ask. In the month of May last, a correspondent from Umballa wrote in the *Pioneer* that Captain W. A. Roberts and Mr. Frank Johnson were then engaged in drawing up Rules for Steeplechasing in India, which, when finished, were to be submitted to the Stewards of the C. T. C. for approval and ultimate adoption in the country, just as the

Grand National Rules are at home. Were these rules ever completed and eventually submitted? and if so, what has become of them? The "Local Rules" for steeplechases all over the country are an awful nuisance and are generally framed to favor some particular horse of no great account. Some rules of the kind are a crying want, and these should, moreover, lay down a uniform style and size of jumps. At present the big jumps necessarily bring unpractised horses to grief, while the insignificant ones (the steeplechase course at Delhi, for instance,) try the metal of the best jumpers as instanced in the falls of *Chang, Rebecca, &c.*

FRANK.

[See remarks in "The Month" on the two points referred to in this letter.—ED.]

DRINKING SONGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR.—Can you furnish me with the remainder of the drinking song in which the following lines occur:—

"There's many a lad I loved is dead
And many a lass grown old
And while the lesson strikes my head
My weary heart grows cold.
But wine awhile staves off despair
Nor lets a thought remain
And that I think's a reason fair
To fill the glass again."

I believe the words were written by one Morris. Can you also give me the name of the accompanying air? By doing so you would greatly oblige.

Yours faithfully,

ANTI-SHELL.

JACOBABAD.

[Perhaps some of our readers can do so.—ED.]

THE MONTH.

AN interesting question about the application of the rule of limitation as to the making of objections after a race meeting is over, has lately been decided by the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club, after consultation with Admiral Rous. A mare called Mayfield was entered for a race at the Curragh by an insufficient description as to pedigree, her paternity being doubtful, while the name of one horse only was given. There can be no doubt that such an insufficient description would have rendered the nomination void if it had been objected to before the race, but the objection was made after the race (which Mayfield won) and the meeting, on the fact of the incorrectness of the nomination becoming known to the objector. The question therefore arose whether it was a case of "false description" such as is contemplated by the rule of limitation when allowing objections to be made in such cases at any time within a year. There was no imputation of fraud. It would seem that the view taken was that the description, though incomplete for want of mention of the name of the second stallion, was not "false," and the stakes were awarded to Mayfield.

We observe that the Stewards of the Jockey Club have determined to put a stop to the system of betting "first past the post," in consequence of the facilities it offers to the commission of fraud. Messrs. Weatherby have sent a circular to Clerks of Courses throughout the United Kingdom requesting that the names of all bookmakers who bet on that system may be furnished, no doubt with the object of warning them off the principal race-courses and Newmarket Heath.

The Revised Rules of Racing were passed by the Jockey Club at a meeting held at the end of December, and came into operation on 1st January 1877. As we write this the Rules, as thus finally adopted, have not yet reached India, but we hope to notice the main alterations and additions later.

We find nothing worthy of notice in the home papers about hunting or shooting, except that Lord Wolverton has taken to hunting the stag with blood-hounds, and has been decidedly successful.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says, that another horse-tamer has made his appearance in France. His name is Carriès, and his system is a much simpler one than Rarey's. The horse experimented on was Trocadéro, who has lately become a regular savage. The following is the description of the scene at M. Aumont's Stud in France :—

"The first thing was to enter the horse-box. This M. Carriès did, "in presence, of M. Aumont and all the 'stable,' who *s'attendait à le voir dévoré*. An exciting 'duel' ensued; the horse rushing, time "after time, with open mouth and with *hennissements féroces*, at "M. Carriès, who merely dodged him by rapid movements aside, as the "toreador dodges the bull. After ten of these attacks so met, 'the "animal suddenly stopped to contemplate the audacious individual "who braved him in this manner, and was at once seized with the "nervous trembling which comes over *le lutteur aux prises avec un "adversaire contre lequel ses moyens habituels ont échoué*. Trocadéro "était dompté!" And M. Carriès took advantage of the horse's stupor "to put a saddle and bridle upon him, after which Trocadéro submitted "like a lamb to have his fore-feet shod, and ultimately his hind feet, "without more ado. The dodging process of M. Carriès certainly beats "for simplicity even the throwing-down process of Mr. Rarey; but it "might be awkward if the tamer were to meet with a horse less suscep- "tible of *stupéur* than Trocadéro appears to be."

A novel match has been made in Paris for 2,000 francs a side. An Italian backs himself to skate against a Frenchman running.

The Madras Races have been indifferent, like so many others this year. The Governor's Cup was withheld, as there were only two starters, who had consequently to race for the entrances, and Chorister had no difficulty in giving 18lbs. to The Bird. The most remarkable event at the meeting was the running of Hunter for the Madras and Turf Club Handicaps, Hunter has always shewn speed, but his performances have, taken generally, indicated a want of staying powers. On this occasion, however, after winning with 8st. 8lbs. in 3-17 over 1½ mile, the little horse, carrying 9st. to Chorister's 9st. 12lbs., is reported to have made the running from end to end and won in a canter by ten lengths, doing the two miles in 3mins. 43secs. If all are agreed as to the above description being a correct one, it stamps Hunter as a good horse, and fit to race with such animals as Kingcraft, Satellite, Crown Prince, Lord Clifden, &c., without requiring any very great range of handicap weights.

Though Ballygunge attracted more people than ever, the fields were not as large as could be desired, and the chases seem to have been hollow affairs on the second day. The great horses Chang and Gameboy were there, but Hurricane was not. Gameboy did not fence as well as he did last year, and coming to grief, there was no contest between him and Chang.

We have received two letters from different parts of India, one of which—being intended for publication—will be found in this number, suggesting that we should meet the wishes of many readers of the Magazine if we give in the Racing Calendar every month a complete alphabetical index of all horses whose performances appear in that number of the Magazine. We shall endeavour to give such an index, entering the numbers of the pages in which "wins" will be found in brackets, as is done

in Messrs. Weatherby's Racing Calendar, but as some of the accounts of races are only received just in time for publication in each Magazine, it will be impossible to prepare and publish the index with the number of Magazine to which it relates. We shall therefore publish it in loose sheets with the following number, and this course will have the advantage of enabling a racing man to bind up his index to the Racing Calendar separately, while it will give us more time to have the index accurately prepared.

The writer of the letter referred to also asks us what is doing about the new set of Steeplechase Rules for India, which we announced some time ago were about to be drafted by Captain Roberts, R. H. A. The cause of delay in their preparation is that some intended alterations in the Grand National Rules at home have been awaited, in order that the Indian Rules might have the advantage of the latest views of Steeplechasers at home, but the drafting of the rules will now be taken in hand immediately. No rules can very well deal with the matter of this or that kind of fence being constructed, but we see no reason why there should not be appended to the rules descriptions of fences and courses, the number of fences in a given distance, and—a very important point—the distance between each fence, recommended for adoption, and we hope Captain Roberts will do this also, as he has paid more attention to the subject than most men in India.

Mr. Roberts, the professional billiard player, is making a tour in India, but of course no amateur can make a game with him at all interesting even with such odds as 650 out of 1,000. Two amateurs playing consecutively against him with such odds might have a chance, though if he gets "well on to the spot" twice, that would go a long way towards the game. We should like to see Messrs. E. Drummond and W. Ward of the Civil Service do battle for Bengal against the professional.

We take the following from the *Sporting Gazette* :—

"It is wonderful how sharp the young bucolics are becoming. As an instance of this almost alarming precocity, here is a story which came to me the other day from the Midlands. In the little town in which the scene is laid, the 'Squire's lady,' who resides in the haudsome old Manor House, interests herself greatly in the Sunday schools, and is rather proud of her scholars. A Sunday or two ago she took some friends with her in the afternoon to give them an insight into her 'method.' She chose as her 'lesson' the story of Ananias and Sapphira. The children showed great intelligence in answering the questions put to them, and finally their teacher—the lady herself—asked them why God did not strike everybody dead who tells a lie? This seemed rather a poser—but suddenly a very sharp child exclaimed, 'Because there wouldn't be anybody left.'"

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RACES PAST.

FIFTH MEET OF THE CALCUTTA SKYE RACES.

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The fields were not so large as at the last Meeting, which is easily accounted for by the influenza that has been so prevalent in our stables, and the hardness of the ground which kept away the horses in training for the Ballygunge Steeplechases to be run on the 20th and 27th of this month. The horses, however, that were there afforded capital sport, and were numerically almost more than the total number which appeared on the four days of the Calcutta Races—a remark which is also applicable to the spectators. On Saturday the carriage enclosure and stand were well filled, and the ladies who have throughout been staunch supporters of these races, and thereby done much to encourage and perpetuate them, mustered in great force. The inauguration of these skye meetings (an institution of the year of grace 1876) is, in my opinion, the most noteworthy event of the past year, as the historians of the future will, I am confident, in proper time duly write ; and though I shall not be here to see, I hope they will be continued, and that in other lands I may have the pleasure of reading of a series of meetings in 1877, fully as successful as that of 1876, which it has been a pleasure not only to attend, but to record. The appreciation which the public has shewn for them testifies that the spirit of true sport is not dead ; for, though large fields of first-class horses owned by good sportsmen would of course be better, large fields of second-rate and third-rate horses, who are run from a pure love of the thing, shew far better sport than the

lonely in-and-out performances of a very few "first rankers," manipulated by an assemblage of Singleton Preeces, Sir Brigwell Fleeces, and St. Leger Bolts, all scrambling for the rupees and pice, which in past years seem to have been the leading cause of the demoralization of Calcutta Racing, from which apparently it has not yet recovered. Let us hope, however, that better times are in store for us, which there will be, if only half a dozen righteous men of the stamp of those gentlemen who are now the leading spirits of the Indian Turf can be found, and induced to set up studs. In the meanwhile, however, perhaps it would be well to leave dreams of the future to the hour of reverie, and turning to the facts of the present to record the races which are just over.

The Trial Stakes. A flat race. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. For all horses owned by subscribers, 14 hands 3in. and under. Weight for inches. 14 hands to carry 10st. 4lbs. 3lbs. added or allowed for every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. C. B.s allowed 5lbs. and Arabs 10lbs., in addition to other allowances.

Mr. Cecil's	g a h	Muffineer	10	3	Mr. C. W. Thomas	1
Our Jim's	br w m	Miss Jovial	10	10	„ Latham	2
Mr. W. J. Ellar's	b w g	Tartar	11	8	Owner	0

There was delay at the start owing to the misbehaviour of Tartar who was finally left behind at the post, and did not get away until the race was about over. Muffineer and Miss Jovial kept close together until half-way up the straight run-in, from which point the former had the race in hand, and he was cleverly lauded a winner by about two lengths, thus verifying my prediction that Mr. Chashmer's little horse having on this occasion the allowance given him, which is his due when competing with Walers, would win, and I am glad he did, as he's been trying so hard and so often.

The Golightly Cup. A handicap hurdle race. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, over six flights. For all horses owned by subscribers.

Mr. Magor's	b w g	Billy Buttons	11	10	Mr. C. W. Thomas	1
„ Bobstick's	gr w g	The Badger	11	12	„ Latham	... 2
„ Robert's	g w g	Grey Friar	11	2	„ Leatherhead	... 3
„ Jack's	b w m	Saucy Kate	11	2	Owner	... 0
„ Blake's	br w m	Bella Donna	10	10	Mr. King	... 0
„ Ditto	b w m	Ballet Girl	10	10	„ Goddard	... 0
„ Brock's	br w g	Chuckerbere	10	10	„ Cortlandt	... 0

This was the race of the day, and was, as all the hurdle races have been, a very pretty spectacle. After a fly over a show hurdle in front of the stand, they were sent away by "our starter" to a very level start, Billy Buttons being the first to show in front, with The Badger and Grey Friar in close attendance, Saucy Kate heading the second division, which could not go the pace with the leaders, though it was slow throughout. Billy, The Badger and the Friar pegged away at it, all close together, negotiating their fences cleverly, until the turn-in for home, when Buttons and The Badger began to come away from their field, and after a steadier which landed them safely over the last jump, they both put on the steam, and had as pretty a set-to up the straight run-in as has been seen at any of the meetings, which resulted in a victory for Billy Buttons by half a length, Grey Friar being third,

and Saucy Kate fourth, whilst the other three came in with the crowd, Chuckerbere chuckling at having neatly got rid of his rider at the last jump but one.

The Amateur Handicap. A handicap flat race. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. For all horses owned by subscribers.

Mr. Choter's	b w m	Mignonette	10	7	Owner	...	1
" Nosredneh's	ch w g	Devon	11	4	Mr. Latham	...	2
" Cowan's	b w g	Certainty	11	0	Dr. Hart	...	0
" W. J. Ellar's	b w g	Tartar	11	4	Owner	...	0
" G. B. M.'s	bl w g	Moleskin	12	0	Ditto	disq.	

The starter had again a fractious lot to deal with, Tarter declining to go forward (which I don't much wonder at, for his jockey holds on so jolly tight to his head that he pulls him back), whilst Moleskin broke away and took a tour of inspection round the hockey ground. After much delay however they were eventually despatched (except Tartar I believe, but I really didn't see what happened to him). Certainly taking the lead at so tremendous pace that he couldn't negotiate the corner and went off the course. This let Moleskin into first place, but his chance of getting the race was small as his rider's leads were at this point seen scattering about the course. Lightened of these weights, he passed the Judge's chair first by about three lengths ahead of Mignonette, who was cleverly landed about a like distance from Devon, and as Mr. Moleskin on returning to scale was about "a stun" short weight, the race was awarded to Mignonette.

The Lilliput Scurry.

Mr. Frittenden's	ch cb p	Nanny	10	10	Mr. C. W. Thomas	...	1
" Charlie's	br m p	Tom Tit	10	0	Jack	...	2
Miss Oriental's	br bur p	Peninsular	11	0	Latham	...	3
Mr. Corstorphine's	bl bur p	Obadiah	11	0	Cortlandt, misbehaved	...	0
Our Jim's	d cb p	Locomotive	10	0	Mons. Goitjacque disq.	...	0
Mr. Hughes's	ch m p	Strike-a-light	10	0	Atkinson	...	0

This race fell, as I also predicted, an easy victory to that pretty little wonder, Nauny, who, though by far the smallest, as she was by far the prettiest of the lot, won the first heat, and after being kept in reserve for the second heat, [which was won by Tom Tit, Locomotive who came in first, being disqualified as his rider dismounted after the first heat came away again, and won the third heat and the race. Obadiah was very naughty, and gave much diversion to the spectators by his numerous and ingenious efforts to get rid of his rider, for he chucked him on to his neck, rubbed him along the rails, knelt down and said his prayers, and went through all the evolutions of a "bobbery" circus tat; but it was in vain, for Mr. Cortlandt very cleverly remained, and punished and swore, as well he might do.—*The Statesman*.

DELHI RACES.

THIRD AND EXTRA DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1877.

After the excitement of the regular meeting, the pomp and splendour of the first day, and the excellent racing of the second, your readers must be prepared to hear that our third was merely a little skye affair. None of the great people of the earth lent it the *colde* of their presence. There was none of the glitter and shimmer of gold and silver and scarlet and wondrous jewels that will make the meeting memorable in racing annals. But perhaps we have had enough of this sort of thing, and all the more readily enjoyed a quiet and genuine afternoon's sport. The prizes were not large; the lotteries but small; yet the fields were fairly strong; the racing interesting; and the attendance very good. The handicaps were framed with great judgment by Mr. Beaver. Colonel Harris, who we hope to see Honorary Secretary of the Delhi Races next season assisted as Judge, and Captain Gream as Starter. Six sported silk for the Farewell Stakes, the money down all round, and the least fancied, Navarino, a magnificent looking Arab, bought by Mr. Maitland at the sale of Mr. Collins' horses, won a good race by a length from Rainbow, the light-weighted winner of the Alexandra Plate; the waler pony Fleur-de-lis, backed by his owner for three times as much as Navarino, and the country-bred Mermaid, spotted as a certainty by her stable, cutting up badly. The next event was a Handicap Steeplechase over the United Service Cup course. Here we had Chang and Sweep once more together, with Rival and Countess to assist. The Giant had the same weight as he carried in the Great Eastern Sweep, raised 14lbs. Rival getting 15lbs. from Chang, and Countess 32lbs. Mr. Johnson having amused himself in his playful way by upsetting his cart and hurting his shoulder stood down, and Captain Humfrey donned the red and yellow stripes. Right well did he bear them. Chang seemed very stiff, and sore after his severe fall in the Great Eastern, but Sweep and Rival moved freely and well. Sweep took a considerable lead directly the flag was lowered, but ran out at the post and rails, and lost so much ground that, though he reached his horses three quarter of a mile from home, he died away again directly, and ran an indifferent third. Chang, outpaced at first, gradually warmed to his work, and after a splendid race with Rival won by a couple of lengths. This was Captain Humfrey's third win "between the flags," and both he and the sporting owner, so unlucky in the great chase, received general congratulations. Captain Humfrey is a first class performer and thorough-going sportsman in every sense of the word. Pleasant and obliging, he will always find a hearty welcome in this part of the world. We must not forget to say that another Bombay man, Mr. Elliot, who unfortunately lost the United Service Cup through cutting off a portion of the course, steered Rival in a masterly manner. This reminds me to say that the stakes on the United Service Cup were paid to the owner of Stanley yesterday; the lotteries being collected and paid into a bank pending a "reference." We confess we fail to see what reference can be required. If gentlemen of high position and great

experience, such as Sir Henry Daly, Sir Samuel Browne, Lord Ulick Browne, and others who went over the ground in a body immediately after the race, and decided it on its merits—gentlemen utterly beyond the faintest suspicion of partiality are to be appealed from, pray to whom? Is it possible that any body of men in England can have the means of forming as accurate a judgment. There was a three-mile course marked out by flags. Stanley ran it; Touchstone did not; he did not run within a quarter of a mile of the distance. Touchstone came in first, Stanley next. The Stewards awarded the race to Stanley. The stakes have been paid in accordance with the award; why not the lotteries? This suspension of payment caused a good deal of confusion at the settling, which would otherwise have gone off well. Six faced the Starter for the Chargers' Stakes, Viking held in most esteem, but The Badger, a fine weight-carrying country-bred of Captain Luck's, skilfully steered by Captain Bullen, pulled through by a length from the favorite, Lady Godiva a bad third by Cosens. Old Fireman splendidly ridden was successful in the Duffer's Handicap, winning a good race by a couple of lengths from Octoroon, who could have won at a mile, as she did in The Trial Stakes. Royal, stale, tucked up, and ridden by a native, third, a similar distance from second.

Two only did battle in the Galloway Steeplechase. Gold Dust fell at the water jump, in front of the stand, and Commodore, ridden by the successful Captain Humfrey, won as he liked by thirty lengths.

The proceedings wound up with a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile spin for ponies, pulled off by Fleur-de-lis in the white, black sleeves and cap. The Maharajah of Jodhpur, who behaved so liberally in presenting the Viceroy's cup to the owner of Kingcraft, disqualified for being a lb. short of weight, has, we hear, made his popular jockey, Finch, a handsome present and given him three months' leave for a run to England. He also gives a hundred guinea cup to be run for at Delhi next season. Mr. Geneste, the owner of Warrnambool, sportingly adds one of fifty. The meeting is to be kept up annually; and as the course naturally is really the only one worthy the name in India, it ought to take second rank to none.

The Farewell Stakes. Rs. 250 from the fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each, half forfeit. A handicap for Arabs, Country-breds and Galloways. 1 mile.

Mr. Maitland's	b a h	Navarino	8 4	Bowen	... 1
„ Beaver's	b a h	Rainbow	7 12	Jaffir	... 2
„ Milton's	g w m	Ooloo	9 2	Tingey	... 3
Capt. Humfrey's	g a h	Jack	8 6	—	... 4
Mr. Maitland's	ch w p	Fleur-de-lis	7 2	Walker	... 0
„ Geneste's	bc b m	Mermaid	10 5	Mr. Elliot	0

In the last of two lotteries,—Ticket value				Rs. 1,000	
Fleur-de-lis sold for	...	...	...	„	230
Jack	„	...	...	„	210
Rainbow	„	...	...	„	150
Ooloo	„	...	...	„	130
Mermaid	„	...	...	„	120
Navarino	„	...	...	„	60

Rs. 1,900

After one attempt, Captain Gream despatched the lot to a fair start, Rainbow at once took the running, and soon led by several lengths, Fleur-de-lis, Jack, and Navarino following, Ooloo bringing up the rear. After passing the half mile, the field took closer order, and very soon the pouy and Mermaid, who ran unkindly, succumbed. Rainbow led into the straight, but was headed below the distance by Navarino, who ridden in the most determined manner by Bowen, landed by a length, Ooloo third, a length and a half from Rainbow; Jack fourth. Time—1m. 59secs.

Handicap Steeplechase. Rs. 300 from the fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each, half forfeit. For all horses. 3 miles.

Mr. Milton's	b w g	Chang	12	4	Capt. Humfrey	1
" Bob's	b w g	Rival	11	3	Mr. Elliot	...
Capt. Maunsell's	b w m	Countess	10	0	Tingey	...
Mr. Bob's	blk w g	Sweep	11	10	Mr. Elphick	...
" Rowland's	b w g	Kilmore	10	7	Did not start	...

In the last of two lotteries,—Ticket value					Rs.	
Chang	sold for	...	...	...	...	430
Sweep	"	...	...	...	...	300
Rival	"	...	...	...	...	110
Countess	"	...	...	...	...	180

Total Rs. 2,020

Sweep led to the in and out, where he ran out and let up Rival, Chang, and Countess who went on a few lengths apart, Sweep losing quite two hundred yards by the mischance. Over the water Rival showed the way, Chang, Countess, and Sweep rapidly making up his lost ground. Following a mile from home the latter reached his opponents, but died away again, and Chang took up the running, led over the last hurdle, and, though closely pressed by Rival, won a fine race by two lengths; Countess third, on sufferance, from Sweep, forty lengths behind Rival.

The Chargers' Stakes. Rs. 250 from the Fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 30 each. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Capt. Luck's	ch c b g	The Badger	11	0	Capt. Bullen	...
Mr. Elliot's	c w g	Viking	12	0	" Willoughby	2
" Gordon's	b w m	Lady Godiva	12	0	Owner	...
" Elphick's	b w g	Faugh-a-				...
		ballagh	12	0	Ditto	...
" Durand's	a h	Shuhiman	10	0	Ditto	...
Genl. Macpherson's	b a h	Gleneagles	10	0	—	...
Capt. Neill's	blk w g	Gamecock	12	0	Did not start	...

The Badger won by a length after a good race with Viking, Lady Godiva a bad third. Time 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Duffer's Handicap. Rs. 250 from the Fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 40 each, half forfeit. For all horses. Winner to be sold for Rs. 1,500. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Maitland's	ch w g	Fireman	9 0	Cosens	... 1
„ Beaver's	b w m	Octoroon	9 0	—	... 2
„ Milton's	br w g	Royal	9 0	Native	... 3
„ Beaver's	ch w g	Clansman	8 8	—	... 0

In a lottery Ticket value	...	...	Rs. 1,000
Octoroon sold for	...	...	210
Fireman	„	...	500
Royal	„	...	120
Clansman	„	...	100

Total ... „ 1,930

Fireman seemed quite outpaced for the first mile, but gradually improved his position and after a good race won by a length from Octoroon, Royal third, Clansman beaten off. Time—2min. 50secs.

The winner was bought in for Rs. 1,600.

Galloway Steeplechase. Rs. 200 from the Fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 30. For all horses 14 hands and under. 2 miles.

Mr. Beaver's	b a h	Commodore	Capt. Humfrey	... 1
„ Park's	ch a h	Gold Dust	Tingey	... 2

Gold Dust fell at the water, and, though remounted with wonderful quickness by Tingey, lost too much ground to give him a chance with Commodore, who won easily by ten or fifteen lengths.

Lilliputian Stakes. A Handicap. Rs. 250 from the fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each, half forfeit. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Mr. Maitland's	ch w m	Fleur-de-lis	10 0	Owner	... 1
„ Geneste's	br w p	Dandy	7 10	Walker	... 2
„ Milton's	b w p	Overture	7 7	Did not start.	

Fleur-de-lis won easily by a length.—*The Statesman.*

MOZUFFERPORE RACES.

[*From our own Correspondent.*]

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1877.

The races this morning certainly did not commence under the most favourable auspices, as a nasty drizzle was annoying every one. By the time the first bell rung, it, however, cleared a bit, and proceedings commenced.

Trial Stakes. Rs. 300 from the Fund. Weight for age and class. Distance 1 mile.

Mr. Roderick's Glengarry	11 7	...	—	...	1
" John's Fisherboy	11 3	...	—	...	2

Won easily. No lottery on this race. Only two horses put in an appearance.

Hack Stakes. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile For all horses that have never won. Catch-weights over 11st. for Walers, and 10st. for C. B.s. Rs. 150 from the Fund.

Mr. Frank's	b w g	Athlone	Bedasey	...	1
" Dignum's	c w g	No Name	Tingey	...	2
" Fraser's	b w m	Darling	Mr. Barclay	...	3
" John's	br w m	Bonnie Katie	Owner	...	0
" Cresswell's		Jolly Boy	Mr. Roland	...	0
" Apples'		Raffles	Owner	...	0
" Donald's		Flora	Mr. Manners	...	0
" Abbott's		Blazes	Mr. Frank	...	0

Athlone had it all his own way ; No Name a good second.

Handicap for all C. B.s and Arabs. Rs. 250 from the Fund. Distance 1 mile. Entrance Rs. 20.

Mr. Abbott's	b cb m	Slowcoach	10 7	Tingey	...	} Dead heat.
" Navvie's	b cb m	Morty	9 0	Mr. Abbott	...	
" Webb's	c cb m	Vesper	9 10	Bedasey	...	
" Barclay's	b cb m	Padrina	9 4	Mr. Apples	...	

Slowcoach got away with a good start, but Vesper soon closed with her, Padrina laying third, with Morty some lengths behind ; they kept this position till entering the straight when Tingey's riding told, and Slowcoach commenced to forge away from Vesper. Before she had gone much further, the despised Morty began to creep up, and answering gamely ran a dead-heat with last year's crack, to the astonishment of those who had jeered at her as she went to the post.

Selling Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. Horses valued at Rs. 500 to carry 11st. 5lbs. on and off for every Rs. 100 added to or lowered from the price. Entrance Rs. 20. Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr. Abbott's	b c b m	Kathleen	Rs. 300	Tingey	...	1
" Frank's	b w g	Piccadilly	" 100	Mr. Apples	...	2
" Donald's	b w g	Scot	" 500	" John	...	3
" Navvie's	c w g	Dart	" 300	Owner	...	0

Piccadilly led with Scot close up, the other two laying behind, till at the distance Scot began to run sulky, and tried to bolt off the course. Kathleen then came through her horses, and won cleverly.

Galloway Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. 14 hands to carry 11st. ; 4lbs for every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch under.

Mr. Bechar's	b w m	Spartia	13	3½	Mr. Roland ...	1
" Tipping's	b w m	Chequita	14		Mr. John ...	2
" Kennairt's	g w g	Pearl	13	3½	Native ...	3
" ditto	g pony	Wooloomaloo			Tingey ...	0
" Sherman's	b w g	Rocket	13	3½	Mr. Abbott ...	0
" ditto	b a p	Ermine	13	2	" Apples ...	0

Spartia fat as a pig, and having been six weeks in the stable, led them all a dance, and to the amazement of every one, and still more so to that of her sporting owner, won easily. Chequita a good second, and the rare little pony Wooloomaloo, who looked like winning at one time, well up.

This ended a capital day's programme. Starts and arrangements of every kind were admirable. Stewards who know their duties thoroughly and a prince of secretaries.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1877.

Fast and furiously did the lotteries fill last night, and it was more difficult to get tickets than to fill the papers. Three lotteries filled on the C. B. Handicap and two on the Lilliputian Galloways. In three on the former, Geraldine and Zephyr were made hot favorites, and considerably disappointed their backers. Roulette, who chiefly on account of her fractious temper, was scarcely thought to be in a good humour, kept straight, and won easily enough in spite of a false start in which she nearly completed the distance ere she could be pulled up. In the pony lotteries Wooloomaloo was backed heavily, but the others were too big for the plucky little one, and Sultan, the second favorite, won easily. The Trial Stakes, which was first on the list, falling through, the following race was substituted, but run off third:—

A Handicap. For all C. B.s and Arabs. Rs. 200 from the Fund. Entrance Rs. 10. Distance ½ mile.

Mr. John's	Roulette	8	10	Bedasey	...	1
" McIntosh's	Peut-etre	9	0	Mr. Apples	...	2
" Donald's	Geraldine	11	5	" John	...	3
" Fred's	Kathleen	10	0	Capt. Higginson	...	0
" Abbott's	Slowcoach	9	0	Owner	...	0
" John's	Parody	10	5	Mr. McIntosh	...	0
" Studd's	Zephyr	9	7	Tingey	...	0
" Navvie's	Morty	8	7	Native	...	0

After one false start Mr. Collinridge let them go, Zephyr getting away first, but she soon pulled back lame. Peut-etre and Roulette singled themselves out, and never being headed, the latter won by a length and a half; Geraldine, who came with a rush at the end, a good third, the rest anywhere.

The Zillah Stakes. Rs. 200 from the Fund. For all horses used *bona-fide* for zillah work during 1876.

Mr. Barclay's	bn w g	Ross	Owner	...	1
" Navvie's	bn cb m	Morty	Mr. Abbott	...	2
" Webb's	c cb m	Vesper	" Hudson	...	3
" Canning's	b w g	Captain	" John	...	0
" Fred's	g w m	Topsy Wopsy	" Apples	...	0

All well off to a capital start, Morty soon out-paced, Ross and Captain leading with the other two close up. At the quarter mile Morty began to creep up, and passing Captain, Topsy Wopsy and Vesper, made an effort to catch Ross, who however answering his owner's call, came away and won by a length well ridden. If Morty's owner would but take care of the poor little mare, she is quite good enough to put money into his pocket; as it was, it was amazing to see how well she runs in such wretched condition.

The Lilliputian Galloway Stakes. Rs. 100 from the Fund. For all horses 13-3 and under. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. John's	Sultan	Bedasey	...	1
" Thomas'	Fireworks	Tingey	...	2
" Kennairt's	Woolloomaloo	Mr. Abbott	...	3
" Byng's	Admiral	" Apples	...	0
" Sherman's	Ermine	" Hudson	...	0
" Webb's	Skipper	Capt. Higginson	...	0
" Becher's	Grey Warrior	Mr. Thomas	...	0
" John's	Sultan	Native	...	0

Bedasey's white pony proved himself a flyer as he won easily enough, Fireworks a good second, and Woolloomaloo, who ran sulky, third: rest anyhow.

Selling Stakes. Rs. 200 added from the Fund. Distance 1 mile.

Mr. John's	Bowrah Bill	Entered at Rs. 1,000.
" Frank's	Red Gauntlet	" " 900.
" Frederick's	Kathleen	" " 300.

Kathleen and Bowrah Bill were scratched; so Red Gauntlet walked over, and thus ended a capital morning's prospectus.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1877.

Nine lotteries were filled in no time last night. It was proposed to amalgamate the Durbungah Cup with the Behar Handicap as the same horses had entered for both races. The Stewards agreeing, this was done, and three lotteries filled on it, in the first of which Fisher-boy was made a favorite; in the two others Glengarry had the call.

On the G. B. Handicap, for which there were eight entrances, three lotteries were filled. Geraldine was made favorite, though Zephyr and Roulette were both heavily backed; Kathleen, a rank outsider, upsetting the betting to a considerable extent.

For the Zillah Stakes one lottery only filled, Vesper, the winner being made the favorite.

In the Pony Stakes two lotteries filled, Sultan, the previous day's winner, having the call, while Woolloomaloo and Mouse held about second honours.

Tingey had three winning mounts, and in each instance won simply from good riding, as either of the horses he rode could certainly have been beaten by the second had it not been for his capital finishing. Subjoined is a description of the races:—

The Durbungah Cup and Behar Handicap. Value Rs. 500, presented by the Maharajah of Durbungah. A Handicap for all horses. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. John's	Fisherboy	10	4	Tingey	...	...	1
"	Roderick's	Glengarry	11	7	Mr. John	...	2
"	John's	Bowrah Bill	9	4	Bedasey	...	3
"	Donald's	Pandora	7	10	Native	...	0
"	Frank's	Red Gauntlet	8	10	Hoosain Bux	...	0

Bowrah Bill and Red Gauntlet away with a rush, Pandora close up, Glengarry next in order, and Fisherboy in the rear; the three leaders going a regular cracker, kept their position till near the half-mile post, where Red Gauntlet fell back, Pandora assuming the lead: here Glengarry and Fisherboy closed up, and shortly afterwards passed the other three. Both riders were soon observed to be at work; Fisherboy, most determinedly ridden by Tingey, finished in front of Glengarry by a neck.

Handicap of Rs. 200 from the Fund. For all C. B.s and Arabs. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Abbott's	Kathleen	9	4	Tingey	...	1
" Donald's	Geraldine	11	0	Mr. John	...	2
" Navvie's	Morty	7	0	Native	...	3
" Donald's	Parody	9	7	Hoosain Bux...		0
" MacIntosh's	Peut-etre	9	7	Mr. Apples	...	0
" John's	Roulette	9	3	Bedasey	...	0
" Abbot's	Slowcoach	8	5	Owner	...	0
" Cresswell's	Zephyr	8	3	did not start.		

A capital race. Away to a good start, Slowcoach, Parody and Pent-etre first showing in front, but Kathleen soon catching them, took the lead, Geraldine second place, the rest in a ruck. They held this position till close home, when Kathleen burst a blood vessel, and Mr. John making a determined effort almost caught Kathleen, who was, however, kept going by Tingey's admirable horsemanship and managed to win by a short length.

The Zillah Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For all maidens, untrained, used *bond fide* for zillah work in 1876 by assistant planters in the districts of Tirhoot, Chuprah, and Chumparun. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Webb's	c ob m	Vesper	Mr. Apples	...	1
" Donald's	b w m	Flora	" John	...	2
" Apples'	g w m	Mabel	" Manners	...	3
" Barclay's	bn ob m	Padrina	Owner	...	0
" Alf's	b w m	Queen of Clubs	Mr. Thomas	...	0

Vesper won by a length, Flora and Mabel close together, Padrina running unkindly next, Queen of Clubs bad last.

The Pony Stakes. Rs. 50 from the Fund. For all ponies 13 hands and under. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Bruce's	Mouse	Tingey	...	1
" Kennairt's	Woolloomaloo	Native	...	2
" John's	Sultan	Mr. Roland	...	3
" Webb's	Skipper	" Apples	...	0
" Warden's	Sir Thomas	Owner	...	0

All away to a good start, Sultan and Woolloomaloo closely followed by Mouse in front, Sir Thomas lengths behind. Mouse eventually winning by a length, again owing solely to the riding of Tingey.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1877.

The lotteries last night filled much more quickly than even on the preceding days, and speculation being brisker, better prices were obtained by the drawers. For the Civilians' Cup, Glengarry and Bowrah Bill were made favorites in the two lotteries which were held on the race. For the Galloways two lotteries filled, Spartia being made a hot favorite. For the Selling Stakes two filled, Scot having the call. For the Consolation Stakes there were four, Geraldine having the call, though Roulette was much fancied. Two lotteries filled on the ponies, Mouse and Woolloomaloo being made favorites. This made twelve lotteries in all—a goodly number for a mofussil meet.

The Civilians' Cup, value Rs. 300. Handicap forced for all winners of the meeting placed by the Stewards in the first class. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Roderick's	Glengarry	11	7	Owner	...	...	1
" John's	Bowrah Bill	8	7	Bedasey	...	...	2
" Ditto	Fisherboy	10	9	Tingey	...	...	3

Bowrah Bill went away with the lead, which he kept on increasing till at the mile post he was more than 10 lengths ahead, the other two gaining but little to the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, when the pace began to tell and at the distance the two others joining company, an exciting race ensued; Glengarry getting home by a length, the other two close together.

A Handicap. For all Galloways that have run during the meet. Rs. 100 from the Fund. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Becher's	Spartia	11 7	Mr. Roland	... 1
" Kennairt's	Pearl	9 9	" Nicolay	... 2
" Tipping's	Chequita	11 0	" John	... 3
" Sherman's	Rocket	9 7	Tingey	... 0

After two false starts they got off, Pearl taking the lead; but Spartia soon came to the front, and won hands down.

Selling Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Mr. Abbott's	b cb m	Kathleen	10 4	Tingey	... 1
" Donald's	b w g	Scot	10 11	Mr. Roland	... 2
" Barclay's	b w g	Ross	11 7	" John	... 3
" Frank's	b w g	Piccadilly	9 5	Owner	... 0
" Barclay's	b cb m	Padrina	9 11	Mr. Apples	... 0
" White's	c cb g	Famine Colt	10 1	" Abbott	... 0

A capital start: Kathleen, who was outside, soon took up inside position, made the running, and without being touched, won with ease.

The Consolation Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For all horses entered at the selling price of Rs. 500 and under, and for all Country-breds and Horses that have not won a race during the meeting. Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr. Donald's	cb m	Geraldine	10 10	Mr. John	... 1
" McIntosh's	b cb m	Peut-être	8 10	" Abbott	... 2
" Abbott's	bn cb m	Slowcoach	8 0	" Native	... 3
" John's	br cb m	Roulette	8 10	Tingey	... 0

Roulette and Peut-être went away with a rush, causing a false start, both of them going some distance before they could be checked. Eventually they got off very evenly, Roulette going to the front, but was soon passed by Peut-être, who made the pace very strong. At the rails Geraldine was brought up by Mr. John and won with ease; Slowcoach villainously ridden, close to Peut-être.

The Mozufferpore Purse. Value Rs. 200. Forced for all winners placed by the Stewards in the second class. Distance 1 mile.

Mr. Frank's	Red Gauntlet	11 0	Mr. Roland	... 1
" Donald's	Pandora	9 11	Bedasey	... 2

Pandora made the running, old Gauntlet, who is thoroughly understood by Mr. Roland, being kept well in hand till the distance, when he came forward, and won easily.

Handicap. For all Ponies. Rs. 100 from the Fund.

Mr. John's	Sultan	10 10	Bedasey	... 1
" Webb's	Skipper	9 7	Mr. Apples	... 2
" Bruce's	Mouse	9 8	Tingey	... 3
" Kennairt's	Wooloomaloo	9 5	Mr. Nicolay	... 0

Best race and handicap of the morning, all racing together in a cluster; at the distance all at the whip; Sultan winning by half a length, Skipper, very well ridden, second. This terminated the best morning's racing we have had.

After the Selling Stakes, Kathleen, the winner, entered for Ra. 400 was put up for sale, and purchased during her owner's absence by Mr. Donald for Ra. 500; she was, however, repurchased immediately afterwards by Mr. Abbott for Ra. 600.

The Steeplechases, of which three will probably fill, will be run off this afternoon.

EXTRA DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1877.

For the first steeplechase only three horses entered, Kilmore, Will o' the Wisp, and Rushlight. Kilmore seemed in the pink of condition, but both the others were evidently much less fit than they were at Mooteeharree. Kilmore, well ridden by Tingey, won in a common canter; Will o' the Wisp second, and Rushlight third. The order of the last two should have been reversed, as Rushlight, who was many lengths in front of the Mooteeharree winner, baulked the last hurdle. This was occasioned by a gentleman who was riding alongside as judge, inadvertently getting on to the course just in front of the last hurdle, and who, as Mr. Canning shouted to him to get out of the way, pulled his horse to one side, and Rushlight, refusing the jump, followed him, thus allowing Will o' the Wisp to obtain second place. Even had this not occurred, Rushlight could not possibly have won, as Tingey was a long way ahead, and won with any amount in hand. All the horses fenced perfectly, Kilmore taking the Irish bank with a tremendous fly.

The Mozufferpore Steeplechase. For all horses valued at Ra. 1,000 to carry 11st. 3lbs.; 5lbs. off for every hundred lowered from that price. Ra. 150 from the Fund. Distance once round Steeplechase Course. Entrance Ra. 20.

Mr. Boland's	b w g Kilmore	10 12	Tingey	...	1
" H. Thorp's	c w g Will o' the Wisp	10 12	Mr. Manners		2
" Coffin's	bn w g Rushlight	10 5	" Canning		3

Seven entered for the Second Class Steeplechase. Vesper, Rutland, Sugar Stick, Popsy Wopsy, Piggy, Mère Angot and Athlone. Athlone evidently did not like his rider, and did his best to dismount him, back-jumping and twisting round and round; but finding this had no effect on his rider, he put down his head and bolted straight for his stable. Mr. Boileau, finding he could not hold him, seeing the trees ahead, judiciously chose a soft potatoe field, and threw himself off, escaping unhurt. Mr. Collinridge then despatched the rest to a capital start, and they came over the first three jumps almost together, save Mère Angot, whose rider was evidently determined to make a very waiting race of it, and not risk going too fast at first. At the bank and ditch, Piggy, leaving his back legs behind him, struck the ditch heavily with his body, which completely destroyed any chance he may have had. Vesper and Rutland were soon seen in the front, and Tingey riding the pretty little country-bred very determinedly scored another win easily. He had great difficulty

in keeping her straight, as she tried to swerve at almost every jump. The rest were in Indian file, Mère Angot having a fine race all to herself. There were no falls and all jumped well. The course is a capital one, and reflects great credit on the gentlemen who laid it out. Every one was rejoiced to see Vesper and Kilmore win, and on passing the post both were loudly cheered.

Second Class Steeplechase. For all Horses. Waters 11st. 7lbs.; C. Bs 10st. 7lbs. Distance once round Course. Rs. 150 from the Fund. Entrance Rs. 20.

Mr. Webb's	c cb m	Vesper	10	7	Tingey	... 1
" Manners's	b w g	Rutland	11	7	Owner	... 2
" Campbell's	b w g	Sugar Stick	11	7	Ditto	... 3
" Ted's	g cb m	Popsy Wopsy	10	7	Mr. Canning	... 0
" Smith's	bn w g	Piggy	11	7	" Alf	... 0
" Elliot's	c cb m	Mère Angot	10	7	" Forth	... 0
" Frank's	bn w g	Athlone	11	7	did not start.	

For the Pony Steeplechase, Woolloomaloo, Jack, A. D. S. and Phyllis came to the post, Woolloomaloo's rider disdaining to discard his cheroot. The first three named got away well together; Phyllis objecting to proceed, walked in to one of the big chase ditches, but after the others had long finished went round by herself, and had not come in when the spectators left. The little ones jumped capitally, A. D. S. having the lead; at the wall Woolloomaloo cannoned against Jack, and came down; this allowed Mr. Apples to get a long way ahead, and it seemed to be his race easily. Mr. Alf picked himself and his pony up, however, and remounting came along at a tremendous pace, and almost catching him at the last hurdle a pretty race home ensued, Woolloomaloo winning, his rider's cheroot still alight in spite of his tumble. A thousand rupees lottery was held on each race, the winners being made favorites.

Pony Steeplechase. Distance once round Pony Steeplechase Course. Rs. 100 from the Fund. Entrance Rs. 20. C. W. over 11st.

Mr. Kennairt's	Woolloomaloo	Mr. Alf	... 1
" Thomas's	A. D. S.	" Apples	... 2
" Webb's	Jack	" Campbell	... 3
" K.'s	Phyllis	" Forth	... 0

Thus ended the Mozufferpore Race Meet, and uncommonly jolly one it has been. We have had races, balls, hockey, cricket, badminton, lawn tennis and heaps of other fun. Besides the crowning glory of the whole, the fancy ball, of which I will endeavour to give you some description. Before, however, closing my final account, allow me to speak a few words in praise of the Stewards and Secretary. From beginning to end not a single jar has occurred to disturb the harmony of the pleasantest meet I have witnessed in India, and the entire arrangements have been beyond praise. It would indeed be well for many a meet, mofussil or town, could it boast of Stewards who know their duties as thoroughly as those of Mozufferpore. Mr. Llewellyn as Clerk of the Scales is most painstaking and *quicks*; he would indeed, be a smart man who could steal a flying start when Mr. Collinridge holds the flag; and the eagle eye of our experienced

Judge can decide the winner correctly, however close the finish. The close racing we have had in the handicaps is sufficient to show the capabilities of the Stewards, and last but not most deserving of thanks is our deservedly popular Secretary. Not light have his duties been, I can assure you, and though often an Honorary Secretary's post is a thankless one, yet you could well have judged from the enthusiasm his health was drunk with last night that in our instance it has not proved so. May we have many more such gatherings, and I would strongly recommend any one who can do so to come and judge for himself of the pleasures of a Mozufferpore Meet.—*The Pioneer*.

MADRAS RACES.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1877.

The morning came in warm and cloudy, and more like an April morning than a January one. The attendance was as large as, if not larger than, we have seen at morning races for some years past. Little fault could be found with the management, and we are only sorry that a course so well adapted for good sport has not been better patronised by owners this year.

The Bedouin Plate. Rupees 750. For Arabs and Country-breds. Weight for age. 1 mile.

Mr. Pilgrim's	ch ch g	Surprise	8	4½	Hackney ...	1
„ Borradaile's	ch ch m	Clemence	8	3	Brewty ...	2

The flag fell to a good start. Clemence kept the lead for some distance, when Surprise came away and won as he liked. Time—1 min. 53 secs.

Guindy Stakes. Rupees 1,500. For all English and Colonial Maidens. Weight for age and class. 1½ miles.

Mr. Pilgrim's	br w h	Jon Duan	8	4½	Hackney	1
Captain Langford's	b w m	The Bird	8	12	Gooch	2
Mr. Covey's	b w m	Blue Mantle	8	8	Vinall	3
„ Downall's	b w g	Spec	9	7	Blackburn	0

After one false start an excellent start was made, Blue Mantle taking the lead for about ½ mile, and racing The Bird to the 1st mile, when Blue Mantle stayed behind leaving The Bird the lead, who was shortly overtaken by John Duan at the last quarter of a mile and beaten by a head, causing considerable longevity of countenances in many quarters, which is easily accounted for by the following account of the lotteries held on this race. Time—2mins. 47½secs.

No. 1 Stable Lottery for Guindy Stakes. Value of Tickets, Rs. 1,100. Covey's Stable sold for Rs. 60; Langford's, Rs. 320; Pilgrim's, Rs. 230; Downall's, Rs. 100; net value of Lottery, Rs. 1,712. Value

of Tickets, Rs. 1,200; Blue Mantle sold for Rs. 120; John Duan, Rs. 360; The Bird, Rs. 510; Spec, Rs. 60; net value of Lottery, Rs. 2,137.

2nd Lottery for Guindy Stakes. Value of Tickets, 1,200. John Duan, 400; The Bird, 470; Spec, 50; Blue Mantle, 130; net value of Lottery, Rs. 2,137.

The Ladies' Purse. Rupees 200. For all horses that have not won during the season. Weight for age and class raised 2st. Half a mile.

Mr. Jackson's	ch w g	Doncaster	9	11	Major T.	...	1
" Dunbar's	b w m	Gazelle	10	11	Col. Beresford		2
" Morgan's	b w g	Proposition	9	12	Mr. Going		3
" Covey's	br w m	Dagmar	10	11	" Ricardo		0

After a good start Doncaster, being the quickest beginner, speedily assumed a clear lead. Gazelle, however, overtook him, and the two raced together till they got to within a hundred yards of the winning post, when Doncaster again resumed the lead, and won easily by two lengths. Time—53secs.

There was a lottery of Rs. 1,358 on this race in which the horses sold as follows:—Proposition, Rs. 30; Gazelle, Rs. 330; Dagmar, Rs. 120; Doncaster, Rs. 200.

The Trial Stakes. Rupees 600. For all English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. 1 mile.

Mr. Downall's	ch e h	Chorister	10	0	Blackburn	...	1
" Pilgrim's	bw h	Lord Clifden	8	12	Hackney	...	2

After a good start Chorister went off, leaving Lord Clifden, who appeared quite out of sorts and unable to race, nowhere. Time—1 min. 52 secs.

The Madras Derby. Rupees 1,000. For all Arab and Country bred Maidens. 1½ miles.

Mr. Pilgrim's	ch cb g	Surprise	8	10	Hackney	...	1
" Borradaile's	ch cb m	Clemence	8	10	Brewty	...	2

Clemence took the lead, followed slowly by Surprise. They both took it easy round the course till they reached the half mile from home, when they began to gallop, and Surprise walked away from the Bombay horse and won easily by two lengths. Time—3 mins. 2 secs.

The Mount Steeplechase. Rupees 500. For all horses. Weight for age and class raised 2 stone. About 1½ miles.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	11	4	Mr. Ricardo	1
" Jackson's	b w g	Heathen Chinese	10	13	" Jackson	2
" McCartie's	bl w g	Jorrocks	11	11	Bridgeland	0

Heathen Chinese was first on his legs, followed closely by Dick Turpin till the second last fence from home, when Dick Turpin made a rush for it and won easily. Bridgeland, who was riding Jorrocks, came to grief over the 2nd fence, but recovering himself continued till he

arrived at the first bank, when Jorrocks making a side jump unseated Bridgeland, who performed a voluntary on landing over the wall. There was a lottery on this race for Rs. 1,420, in which the horses sold as follows:—Jorrocks, Rs. 90; Dick Turpin, Rs. 210; Heathen Chinee, Rs. 370.—*Madras Times*.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1877.

This being the Governor's Cup day we were not at all surprised to find a large attendance at the course to witness the noble struggles which took place this afternoon. We have in former years seen a larger attendance, but there was ample encouragement in the interest evinced by the large numbers of ladies and gentlemen who graced the stand and the races with their attendance to-day. His Grace the Governor with the Ladies Grenvill honored the meeting by their presence. There was a large attendance of ladies most elegantly and fashionably attired. It would be impossible to describe their dresses, suffice it to say that they did credit to the "Modistes" who so gorgeously and wonderfully got them up.

The Stewards deserve great credit for the good time kept on the occasion. Each race was started at its exact time, and there was none of that delay which we have often felt so wearisome before. The afternoon was very hot, and the sun disagreeable, interfering too as it did with a proper and comfortable view of the several events from the stand.

As it was given out that there were to be only two competitors for the Governor's Cup, the cup was accordingly withheld. The great excitement of the day was the Desert Handicap in which the two Arabs, Marquis and Chieftain were to meet the two country-breds Surprise and Clemence. Marquis was much fancied, and so was Surprise whilst many were backing old Chieftain. The Bombay country-bred had not many supporters. The following are the results of two lotteries, which were held on Friday night.

	No. 1 Lotty. on Desert Handicap.	No. 2 Lotty. on Desert Handicap.
Value of Tickets	... Rs. 1,500	... Rs. 1,500
Marquis sold for	510	510
Chieftain "	200	240
Surprise "	520	530
Clemence "	70	60

This handicap was considered by some people to have been made a little too much in favor of the Arabs, but the result shewed that the Stewards had not made any mistake. The four horses got away at the first attempt to start them, Marquis and Chieftain leading side by side, Surprise lying third for the first half mile and Clemence three lengths behind him. The first quarter mile was run in even time, and the next quarter in 25 seconds, making the half mile, in 55 seconds. At the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile post the Bombay mare and Surprise

drew close to the two leaders, but the Arabs continued to lead till fairly in the straight, Clemence by this time shewed signs of being beaten, Surprise then put on a spurt, and collared the two Arabs. Chieftain now dropped back and Surprise and Marquis ran a splendid race home, the former beating Marquis by half a length, Chieftain a good third, and the Bombay mare beaten off. The time was splendid being 2min. 52½secs.

The Desert Handicap. Rs. 700. All Arabs and Country-breds. 1½ miles.

Mr. Pilgrim's	c cb g	Surprise	9 0	Hackney	... 1
„ Covey's	b a h	Marquis	8 9	Vinall	... 2
„ Crawford's	b a gal	Chieftain	8 7	Gooch	... 3
„ Borradaile's	c cb m	Clemence	8 7	Blackburn	... 4

The 2nd race on the card was the Madras Steeplechase and we were, in common with most people, glad to see that the Stewards were determined not to permit this race to be run last as by so doing in former years it frequently used to be run in the dark. There were only three horses for this race, and in a lottery on the race the previous night the horses sold as follows :—Value of Tickets Rs. 750. Jorrocks sold for Rs. 60; Dick Turpin sold for Rs. 250; Heathen Chinese sold for Rs. 250.

The horses got off well together, and Dick Turpin won easily. Jorrocks and Heathen Chinese fell, but their riders gamely mounted them again. Jorrocks lost so much that he was completely out of the race before they had gone half round, but Heathen Chinese who was well ridden tried hard to regain the ground he had lost, but failed.

The Madras Steeplechase. Rs. 300. Presented by the Honorable Mr. Gujaputti Rao. A Handicap for all horses. Entrance Rs. 30. H. F. S. O. C.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	12 4	Mr. Ricardo	... 1
„ Jackson	n's b w g	Heathen Chinese	11 3	„ Jackson	... 2
„ Irvine	n's bl w g	Jorrocks	11 3	Bridgeland	... 3

The next race on the card was the Governor's Cup which, as there were only two starters, was withheld. No doubt it does seem hard lines that the cup should be withheld, but as you said in Saturday morning's issue, the terms of the race should be strictly adhered to unless the owners could have arranged amongst themselves, with the consent of His Grace the Governor, and of the Stewards to run them a later day at this meeting. We were glad to learn that the Governor refused to comply with the Stewards' request to give the cup to-day to the winner of the match, as such a line of action would form a very inconvenient and bad precedent, and be manifestly unjust to other owners. Although the cup has been withheld, we have no doubt that the Governor will allow it to be given for some other race at this meeting if the owners of horses and Stewards would apply for such an indulgence. A good race might be got up—either for the first-class Walers, or the first-class Arabs and Country-breds, or for both classes, weight for age and class, or a good handicap made putting in the whole lot, in which latter event a field of at

least seven horses—three Walers, two Arabs and two Country-breds could be brought to the post to contest the coveted prize.

The race is easily described, the pair got well to a good start; The Bird having a slight lead which she kept for about a mile and a half, when she began to show signs that she had shot her bolt, for at the half mile from home, she fell back and Chorister who was ridden well by Blackburn came away from the mare, and came in winning easily, the English horse being hardly extended to obtain this result. We thought the time was slow, but we learn that two watches made it 3 mins. 49 secs.

The Governor's Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. A piece of Plate presented by His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos. For all English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 10 st.; other weights to be reduced in proportion. 2 miles.

Mr. Downall's	c e h	Chorister	10	0	Blackburn	...	1
Capt. Langford's	br w m	The Bird	8	10	Gooch	...	2

The fourth race was a very exciting and interesting one. Four horses came to the post for the Selling Stakes, and Gazelle and Doncaster were much sought after. The winner had few admirers, but the despised one proved how easily a pot could be made, by the "boiling" over of the other pots. At the lotteries the horses sold as follows:—Value of Tickets Rs. 750. Ixion sold for Rs. 100; Gazelle sold for Rs. 340; Doncaster sold for Rs. 340; Dagmar sold for Rs. 70.

There were two false starts made before the horses were got dispatched to a good start, Gazelle went off with the lead closely followed by Ixion and Dagmar. Doncaster seemed to fall back very soon after the start and at the quarter mile post Ixion seemed beaten. As the horses came within the distance post it was difficult to say which was going to win. Gazelle appeared at one time to be slightly leading, but Dagmar gamely answered to Mr Going's call, whilst Gazelle did not respond to the call made upon her by Colonel Beresford, and the two horses passed the winning post together, and the Judge declared it a dead heat. The riding of Colonel Beresford and Mr Going was very much admired.

The sporting owners and riders wanted to have the beat run off at once without dismounting, but the Stewards decided that the riders must dismount and weigh in. This done and proving correct, the two competitors again went down to the post to face the starter and after being well despatched Gazelle took up the running and got away about 3 or 4 lengths from Dagmar, and when the horses were within the distance and Gazelle seemed to be winning, Dagmar came with a rush. A pretty race ensued, but Dagmar managed to show her nose and neck in before her antagonist. The riding of Colonel Beresford and Mr Going was splendid, and no professional jockey could have ridden better. Gazelle is not so game a horse as Dagmar. Had Colonel Beresford been in as good wind and form as Mr Going, there might have been a change of places. This race excited very great interest particularly among the ladies.

The Selling Stakes. Rs. 200. For all horses. The winner to be sold by auction after the race, surplus above the selling price to go to the Fund. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Time—1min. 2secs.

Mr. Covey's	br w m	Dagmar	Rs. 500	10 0	Mr. Going†	1
" Dunbar's	b w m	Gazelle	" 700	10 8	Col. Beresford†	2
" Ricardo	n's b w g	Ixion	" 700	10 8	Mr. Ricardo	0
" Jackson	n's c w g	Doncaster	" 900	11 2	" Jackson	0

For the Vizianagram Cup the handicap was as follows:—The Bird 9st. 5lbs.; Spec 9st. 5lbs.; Blue Mantle 8st. 4lbs.; but as The Bird was to start for the Governor's Cup race, and Spec's trainers didn't think he could win, it was found that there was only one acceptance, so Mr. Covey's Blue Mantle had a quiet walk over for the race.

The Vizianagram Cup. Value Rs. 500. Presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Vizianagram, K. C. S. I. For all English and Colonial Maidens beaten 1st day. Handicap will be made after 1st day's races. Horses to be declared to start on January 19th. Top weight not to exceed 10 stone. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Covey's Blue Mantle 8 4 Walked over.

This ended the second day's racing.—*Madras Athenæum*.

THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY 1877.

Owing to the few races on this day's card, doubts were expressed as to whether there would be a good morning's sport; but all these fears and evil prognostications vanished after the first race was run. Close finishes were the order of the day, and the general opinion appeared to be that the racing was excellent. The attendance was better than on the first morning, and as good as it generally is at morning racing. There being only three events on the cards, no hurry was made in getting the horses punctually to the post for the first race, which was the Charger Stakes.

The Charger Stakes. Rs. 300. For all *bond fide* chargers ridden on parade during the previous six months. Weight for age and class raised 2st. Entrance Rs. 30. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	10 11	Mr. Ricardo ...	1
Major Barnes'	b w g	Red Deer	10 11	" Going ...	2
Mr. Jackson's	c w g	Doncaster	10 11	Maj. T. ...	3
" Blewitt's	br w g	Puffy Doodles	10 11	—————	0

As will be seen from the account of the lottery held on this race last evening, Red Deer was made the favorite, but he disappointed his backers, although he shewed great form. Dick Turpin who has gained for himself a reputation as a first-class steeple chaser, although a light bay, proved himself a very dark horse on this occasion, and surprised no one more than his rider (who was backing Red Deer) by landing Mr. Lindsell's colors to the fore. His sporting owner is

to be congratulated on possessing such a good animal. Red Deer was beaten by a neck, and Doncaster came in a good third.—Time—55secs.

Lottery on this race, net value	...	...	Ra. 1,216
Puffy Doodles sold for	..	...	" 40
Red Deer do.	...	...	" 200
Doncaster do.	...	...	" 180
Dick Turpin do.	...	...	" 110

In Pari Mutuel there were

On Puffy Doodles	...	...	1 Ticket.
" Red Deer	...	...	50 "
" Doncaster	...	...	6 "
" Dick Turpin	..	...	3 "

The Madras Handicap.—Ra. 1,000. For all English and Colonial horses. $\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Mr. Covey's	b w g	Hunter	8 8	Vinall	...	1
Capt. Langford's	br w m	The Bird	8 0	Gooch	...	2
Mr. Downall's	c e h	Chorister	10 0	Blackburn	...	3

The Handicap for this race was accepted by all those who had horses to start, although from remarks let drop it appeared they were not all quite satisfied; however, this was to be expected, for whatever the opinions of the disinterested portion of the sporting world may be of a handicap, they are not always endorsed by owners. The task of handicapping is not an enviable one, and no handicapper can expect more than partial success. Our opinion is that although considering the handicap was an excellent one, still we cannot refrain from congratulating the owner of Hunter on having managed his horse, so judiciously throughout the season, that the Stewards considered he should get such an enormous allowance as 20lbs. from the English horse, after his having run in the way he did during his maiden season. Hunter, with his light weight, was naturally much fancied for this race; but the English horse, after his performance on Saturday, had also a fair amount of support. At 7 o'clock precisely the horses were despatched to a good start; The Bird inside leading for the first half mile, Chorister waiting on her and Hunter pulling double, six lengths behind. From the mile and a quarter post Blackburn, to most people's astonishment, took the top weight to the front, and mending the pace considerably led to quarter of a mile from home; The Bird then drew up, and Hunter also improved his position. From the distance a capital race ensued, Hunter eventually winning, with a good bit in hand, by a head from The Bird, without being touched, and came in perfectly fresh; so much so that we fancy had Vinall let him out he would have come in a winner by several lengths. Chorister was beaten a length for second place. Time—3 min. 17 secs.

There were two Lotteries on this race. In the 1st, net value of which was Ra. 2,603, The Bird sold for Ra. 200; Chorister, Ra. 530; Hunter Ra. 510.

In the 2nd, net value of which was 2,479, Hunter sold for Ra. 480 The Bird, Ra. 130; Chorister, Ra. 500.

In the Pari Mutuel, the number of tickets backed was as follows :—
On Hunter, Rs. 27 ; The Bird, Rs. 4 ; Chorister, Rs. 64 ; backers of
Hunter winning Rs. 11-11-3 a ticket.

The Corinthian Stakes. Rs. 200. A Handicap for all horses that
have started during the meeting. Rs. 20 H. F. G. R. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Mr. Dunbar's	b w m	Gazelle	11 10	Col. Beresford	... 1
" Covey's	br w m	Dagmar	10 9	—	... 2
" Morgan's	b w g	Proposition	9 12	Mr. Going	... 3
" Jackson's	c w g	Doncaster	11 0	Maj. Thompson	... 0

After two false starts the horses were got away well together,
coming up the straight almost in a line, Gazelle being kept well in
hand till within a few yards from the winning post, when she respond-
ed to the call made on her, with Dagmar so close up that victory
hung in the balance for a few moments. However she was not to be
beaten this time, and won a most exciting race by a short neck
in 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds : Proposition being a good third.

There was a Lottery for this race at which Proposition sold for
Rs. 30 ; Gazelle, Rs. 170 ; Dagmar, Rs. 200 ; Doncaster, Rs. 160.

In the Pari Mutuel there were 15 Tickets on Proposition. 5 on
Gazelle ; 26 on Dagmar ; 4 on Doncaster ; the backers of Gazelle
winning Rs. 42-6-4 on each ticket.

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1877.

The card of to-day contained a programme of five events, of which
unfortunately one, the Beaten Handicap, fell through ; the others
were well contested, and a good deal of interest was centred in their
issues. The attendance was about the same as on Tuesday, and as for
the weather, it was, although pleasant, perceptibly warmer than we
have felt it this year.

The Beaten Handicap. Rs. 500. For all beaten horses. Entrance
Rs. 20. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Langford's	b w m	The Bird	8	Gooch	... 1
" Downall's	b w g	Spec	8	Blackburn	... 2
" Covey's	br w m	Blue Mantle	8	Vinall	... 3

The Bird jumped off in front, and making the pace strong, was
quickly in possession of a clear lead, which she retained to the finish ;
she was, however, nearly caught by Spec at the finish, splendidly
ridden by Blackburn, who came in only half a length behind ; Blue
Mantle, a good third. Tim—2mins. 51secs.

At the lotteries last evening, in the 1st lottery the horses were sold
thus :—Blue Mantle, Rs. 140 ; Spec, Rs. 200 ; The Bird, Rs. 530 ;
net value of lottery, Rs. 2,221. In the 2nd lottery ; Blue Mantle,
Rs. 310 ; Spec, Rs. 140 ; The Bird, Rs. 150 ; net value of lottery
Rs. 1,282.

The Amateur Handicap. Rs. 200. Forced for winners of Ladies' Purse, Selling Stakes, Charger Stakes, and Corinthian Stakes, at Rs. 20 for each race. Free to losers. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Jackson's	ch w g	Doncaster	10	0	Major T.	... 1
" Morgan's	b w g	Proposition	9	6	Col. Beresford	2
" Covey's	br w m	Dagmar	10	12	Mr. Going	... 3
" Dunbar's	b w m	Gazelle	11	0	" Ricardo	... 0
" Ricardo	n's br w g	Ixion	9	6	" G. Forbes	0

Gazelle took the lead and kept it to the distance, when she was headed by Proposition; Doncaster shortly afterwards drew up, and won a good race by a length. Time—1min. 23secs.

Lottery on this race: Gazelle sold for Rs. 160; Doncaster, Rs. 190; Proposition, Rs. 220; Dagmar, Rs. 380, and Ixion, Rs. 50.

The Turf Club Handicap. Rs. 500. Forced for winners of all 1st-class races at Rs. 75 for each race won. Rs. 25 for losers. 2 miles.

Mr. Covey's	b w g	Hunter	9	0	Vinall	... 1
" Downall's	c e h	Chorister	9	12	Blackburn	... 2
" Pilgrim's	c cb g	Surprise	8	7	Hackney	... 3

After a bad start Hunter jumped off with the lead, which he maintained to the end, and won by ten lengths in a canter. This performance makes him almost, if not quite, as good as Kingcraft, and some truths very useful for future calculations can be derived from this result as to Hunter's ability to stay, which is placed beyond all doubt from the easy manner in which he settled Chorister. We imagine for the future handicappers will pay a little more attention to this stable. Surprise, who is called a country-bred, though really a very little removed from a *pucka* waler, was nowhere in the races; but this was to be expected. Time—3mins. 43secs.

The horses were sold at the lotteries as follows:—Chorister, Rs. 600; Hunter, Rs. 410; Surprise, Rs. 110; value lotteries, Rs. 2,489.

The Great Eastern Steeplechase. Rs. 400. Forced for winners of all Steeplechases at Rs. 20 for each Steeplechase. Free to losers. About 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Jackson	n's b w g	Heathen Chinees	10	7	Mr. Charlie	1
" Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	12	7	" Ricardo	2
Major Barnes	b w g	Red Deer	12	5	" Going fell	

When the flag dropped, Heathen Chinees jumped away followed a considerable distance by Dick Turpin, whilst Red Deer declined starting until the leading horse was nearly at the second fence. However, the pace was not great, and Red Deer caught Dick Turpin before he passed the stand the first round. All got well over the brook, Heathen Chinees still holding a commanding lead. At the big wall, Red Deer jumped according to his rider's account sideways, and a stirrup being lost, he got a touch of the spur, and incontinently retired to the flat Course, dropping his jock in the ditch, which divides

it from the Steeplechase course. Dick Turpin hit the wall hard, and he and his rider nearly parted company. However, Mr. Ricardo is difficult to dislodge, so long as a toe or a finger remains, and he went on for the second round; he could not get on terms again with Heathen Chinese, who, fencing perfectly and ridden with great judgment and skill by Mr. Charlie, came in a winner in a canter. There was no lottery on this race.—*Madras Mail*.

FIFTH OR LAST DAY, SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1877.

The Stewards deserve great credit for having got up any races for this the last day, as the owners of "the cracks" had withdrawn their horses. We think it was a shame that Chorister, Hunter and The Bird should not have put in an appearance to be handicapped, and that Marquis, Chieftain, and Surprise should not have given us another opportunity of witnessing what they were capable of doing. We believe some of these horses have been saved and sent away to try their powers with fresh horses in Bombay where the races commence in a few days. Being thus left, as it were in a hole, the Stewards managed to get the second-class horses together, and by judiciously handicapping them produced two very good races.

We were glad to see Day tickets issued at last. Better late than never. The people who go in to buy tickets now-a-days, are those who, in former days, used to subscribe largely to the fund, and thereby contribute to this success of the Race-Meeting. If people will only give to the Race Fund a subscription which simply pays for their tickets, they should remember they are not subscribers helping to get up the sport, or patrons of the turf, but people buying a seat for themselves as in ordinary spectacles. The public should remember that owners, unless encouraged and supported by the public, must either give up racing, or race for their own money, and this really is pretty much the case in India.

The Diana Plate. Rs. 200. For all *bond fide* Ladies' horses, Arabs and Country-bred excepted, that have not been in training or run in any race except a race for Ladies' horses since March 1st, 1876. The property of, and regularly ridden for the last two months by the Ladies entering them. Weight for age and class raised 21lbs. Winners of Ladies' Races once 7lbs., oftener 1st. extra. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mrs. Beresford's	br w g	Touchstone	10 4	Col. Beresford...	1
" Irvine's	b w g	Partial Eclipse	10 4	Major T.	... 2
Miss M. Miller's	g w m	Phillipine	10 4	Mr. Ricardo	... 3
Mrs. Jackson's	br w m	Vanity	10 4	—	... 0
" Barnes'	c w g	Crown Prince	10 7	Mr. Going	... 0

Time—54secs.

Crown Prince, Touchstone and Partial Eclipse were the most racing-looking of the lot. Vanity also looked as if she could win, but the little Phillipine, though a very handsome grey, was too small, being

almost a galloway. Touchstone and Vanity were very much alike and the Crown Prince resembled himself both in appearance and action, Touchstone at the last was the favorite, and he won easily in the good time of 54 seconds, but the result might have been different if Vanity's rider had not broken a stirrup. This seemed to have happened just at the start and Vanity was left too far behind to make his way up at all.

The Amazon Plate. Rs. 200. For all *bond fide* Ladies' Arab and Country-bred horses that have not been in training or run in any race except a race for Ladies' horses since March 1st, 1876. The property of and regularly ridden for the last two months by the Ladies entering them. Weight for age raised 14lbs. Winners of Ladies' Races once 7lbs., oftener 1st. extra. G. R. mile.

Miss Miller's	g a g	Rocket	10	7	Mr. Going	...	1
Mrs. Twynam's	g a h	Diamond	11	0	Colonel Beresford	...	2

Time—59 secs.

Rocket and Diamond were as like as two China Crackers. They came in beautifully with their tails in the air and rather astonished apparently, Diamond more particularly so at the rigorous thrashing he was getting.

The third race was the Steeplechase, which, as we said before, was won by Heathen Chinese.

The fourth race was the Free Handicap and four horses appeared to face the starter for this race. Dick Turpin won this race very easily, well ridden by Mr. Ricardo, Doncaster coming in a good second and Proposition third.

The Free Handicap. Rs. 200. Rs. 20 for each horse declared to start. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	Dick Turpin	11	0	Mr. Ricardo	...	1
" Jackson's	c w g	Doncaster	10	7	Major T.	...	2
" Morgan's	b w g	Proposition	9	6	Col. Beresford	...	3
" Covey's	b w g	Dagmar	10	0	Mr. Going	...	0

The fifth race was the Short's Handicap and four horses were placed on the card to run for it, but only two Gazelle and Touchstone put in their appearance. It was getting dark before this race was started, Gazelle won easily.

The Short's Handicap. Rs. 200. Rs. 20 for each horse declared to start. G. R. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Dunbar's	b w m	Gazelle	11	0	Major T.	...	1
Colonel Beresford's	br w g	Touchstone	10	0	Owner	...	2
Major Barnes'	b w g	Red Deer	10	9	Mr. Going	did not start	
Mr. Jackson's	b w g	Heathen Chinese	10	0	Mr. Ricardo	did not start	

This closed the Race-Meeting for the year 1877 which has contributed somewhat to enliven Madras in these dull times. At one

time a race-ball was talked about, but like most things about which there is much talk and very little action, it has fallen to the ground. Better luck next time is our sincere wish to all who have helped to make these races enjoyable. To owners, gentlemen riders, and particularly to the Stewards, is the thanks of the public due, and on their behalf we cordially tender the thanks of a grateful public.—*Madras Athenæum*.

BALLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

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FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY 1877.

Although the circumstances of the present meeting are so fresh and warm in our minds that it would be impossible for pen to keep pace with us were we to dictate as rapidly as we could think out all that happened in the two days' sport which is just over, yet we cannot refrain, before attacking the subject, from taking once more a brief retrospect of the past course of the Ballygunge Races—a digression which we hope our readers will pardon.

The first chase ever run in the neighbourhood of Ballygunge was got up mainly through the exertions of Mr. R. Brancker, then Master of the Hounds, an excellent rider and sportsman, whose absence has since often been regretted, and took place in February 1870 a time when, compared with the present, steeplechasing in India was in its infancy. It was called the Ballygunge Amateur Steeplechase, and no less than 25 local horses were coloured on the card, of which 16 came to the post, a field the like of which has never been seen here before or since. For the benefit of the present generation we recall the names of the first three which were as follows :—

1 Major Mylne's	Billy Cock	ridden by Mr. W. Mitchell
2 Mr. C. S. Carlisle's	Formosa	" " D. G. Landale
3 " J. J. Patterson's	Speculation	" " G. Fox

Of the horses, old Billy Cock and Speculation are still stumping about Calcutta on as groggy pins as a Greenwich pensioner ; and of the riders, though the winner has long since left Calcutta, the other two are still regular residents, and their long absence from the saddle

we can only account for on the score that they are ashamed to acknowledge, by public exhibition, the great increase in size of their manly proportions since the days of 1870.

The success of this first race inspired thirteen Calcutta gentlemen, all good men and true, (may we venture to name them,—Messrs. Aitchison, Alexander, Angelo, Apperley, Butter, Carlisle, Crooke, Deane, Farmer, Fox, Landale, Loch, Roberts, Thurburn, Thomas, Wallace, and Watson) to form an Association to promote an annual private steeplechase meeting at Ballygunge for gentlemen riders, which they very quickly succeeded in doing ; and thus was started the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association, a worthy institution which has since been steadily increasing.

The first meeting was held early in 1871, and three chases were run, for which five, eight, and six horses respectively started.

At the next in 1872 two chases were run, for which nine and eight horses started.

In 1873 the races began to be talked about and two days' sport was arranged, an experiment being tried in the shape of a race open to the world which was successful, six starting. In the Association races, numbering three, the Merchants of Calcutta liberally giving a Cup, five, three, and six horses started, and seven Lancer Volunteers started for another Cup.

In 1874 there was again two days' sport and four races, but there was a falling off, only three, six, four and four horses putting in an appearance.

In 1875 in four races, only three, four, three and five horses started, the fields being reduced by the extraordinary scarcity of gentlemen riders.

In 1876 strenuous efforts were made to rectify this, and after much opposition (for the change was contrary to the spirit of the Association's origin) the rule restricting riders to members of the Association was expunged. It had a sensible effect for the better, as we shewed in the long disquisition into which we entered when recording the races last year, for, with the increase in the number of available riders, appeared an increase in the number of horses, and for the first time six chases were run in the two days, all attracting good fields in which were seen some of the best chasers in India besides local cracks, and it was at this meeting that for the first time novissim members, the list of whom had been gradually increasing, visited Ballygunge in any force. At its close every thing promised most auspiciously for the meeting of 1877, to which these remarks bring us, and there seemed prospect of its being a larger meeting than 1876, but unfortunately soon afterwards unpleasantness for the first time arose, the result of which has tended materially to mar this year's sport. We will not discuss it here, for the subject has already been spoken of and written of to weariness, and we content ourselves with mentioning that things were done which ought not to have been done ; words were said which should not have been said ; the innocent suffered with the guilty ; and before the truth was

known and the hatchet could be buried, several members left the ranks, and others anxious to enter them were refused admittance. The Association and races felt the effect of these dissensions and backbitings, but we believe, nevertheless, that, if this is properly tided over, there is still material handy for having next year the best meeting which has yet been experienced, for the spirit of sport is very strong in the land especially in respect of chases. The right road to travel to attain the utmost success may be difficult to find, but we believe the landmarks to steer by are clearly to go with the times: to induce old friends who have left to rejoin: to open the gates widely to admit as many sporting sheep into the fold as possible: and to remove from the rules and prospectus of the races many of the existing narrowing restrictions. With regard to the rules we suggest the removal of the rule relating to race horses, for it has never fallen on the style of horse it was framed to exclude, but on horses such as Barrister, Vandeville, The Sweep, Crown Prince and others all good cross country performers which it would be a treat to see here but which, from having occasionally run on the flat, have been barred. We would also suggest removal of the rule necessitating horses belonging to owners a month before the race, for we see no object in it. This year it kept away a good horse, and why should any good horses owned by good fellows be kept away. With regard to the prospectus, we hope next year to see no races confined to any one community. This year the race reserved for Calcutta residents was next door to a failure which is easily understood, for the Calcutta community owns many good second and third-class horses but few good first-class horses. The second and third-class horses won't start against the first-class wags, and so the few latter had it to themselves. Races confined to lower class horses always fill the best here, witness the good fields in the hurdle races at the Monsoon Sky Meetings, and we advocate a prospectus with races for first and races for second-class horses, all open to all members of the Association, and other races besides open to all the world. The members in the mofussil, where most of the best horses are to be found now-a-days, would help swell the first-class races; and if they did not also swell the second-class races, probably local horses would alone fully support them. The open races remain for horses of all other denominations, and the professional element, which it is always wished to encourage. We offer these remarks with diffidence not wishing to seem to preach, but we make them as we take a vivid interest in steeplechasing and especially Ballygunge Steeplechasing which we are most anxious to see assume the lofty position which we believe it has the power to attain. We could yarn away on the subject to even greater extent than we have done, but we must be getting on to the work which we sat down to perform, *viz* to record the races just over, and we now begin it with a short description of the course.

The track was exactly the same line of country as last year, except that, instead of going off the high ground on to the low lying paddy fields and up again so as to avoid the bamboo tope, the course was taken straight on across the blind ditch where last year Hermit broke his back, over the big *nullah* which had to be filled in and through the bamboo tope, making the distance about fifty yards shorter. The horses had again to go out of sight for a short while to round the

jungle and basti, and to our mind it is not a disagreeable feature, for the distance is very short and losing sight of the field for a bit intensifies the excitement. The fences were different to last year and taken all round were easier, there being no big jumps except the wall and timber, and the latter on the first day from defective construction was by no means formidable, but the style of the fences was good, and if they had only been a bit bigger, and been finished off three weeks before the race so as to assume a natural weather-beaten look, instead of on the morning of the race, there would not be much fault to find. One innovation was the absence of an in and out which has hitherto been regarded as an absolute necessity on a Ballygunge Course (we don't know exactly why, unless that it is typical of a "lep" requiring a clever jumper to negotiate, good jumping not galloping being what Ballygungetes delight in), and perhaps it was the birdcage "goak" applied by the facetious Mr. Milton to the in and out last year which deterred the Stewards from risking further irreverent criticism of a like nature. The jump before this used to be a nice ditch twelve to fifteen feet broad with a sloping-fence in front to jump over and was, as we can testify from personal experience, one of the nicest jumps in the course. We were very sorry to see, therefore, that the ditch had been filled in and the jump thereby reduced to nothing, and if the authorities will agree next year to leave it as it used to be, we will go so far as to offer to dig it out again with our own fair hands. With this mild criticism we now detail the jumps. For the long race the horses started about 150 yards to the left of the Stand, and then had the following jumps:—

- No. 1.—A flight of hurdles filled in with brushwood.
- " 2.—A mud-wall, 3 feet 11 inches high, on the take-off side and 4 feet 6 inches on the landing side.
- " 3.—On the high ground, a post and rails of timber 3 feet 6 inches high.
- " 4.—Drop of 5 feet over a sunken path 10 feet broad. Bush fence 3 feet high on take-off side.
- " 5.—Low stake and bound fence on edge of ditch 9 feet broad.
- " 6.—Fly over 2 feet 6 inches of brushwood and a partly filled in nullah 13 feet broad.
- " 7.—Stake and bound fence 3 feet high, and ditch 7 feet broad, close to.
- " 8.—A mud-wall 3 feet 3 inches high.
- " 9.—Natural ditch 10 feet wide.
- " 10.—Fly over a low stake and bound fence on to a sloping bank.
- " 11.—Flight of hurdles and brushwood, same as No. 1.
- " 12.—Post and rails (timber) 3 feet 7 inches high.
- " 13.—Water jump, opposite Stand, 17 feet broad, from take-off side of a brushwood fence 3 feet high.
- " 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, same jumps as 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

In the short course the horses started with their backs to jump No. 4 and then took the jumps in order as they came, passing the Stand once only (exclusive of the finish) instead of twice as in the long course. The going was very heavy, for most of the course has to be ploughed up and there had been heavy showers of rain on it a few days before.

We have now nothing left to do but to describe the actual races. The first Saturday was a cool breezy cloudy day; the roads from Calcutta had been well watered which laid the dust; and the arrangements at the Stand and elsewhere being all that an honest Secretary, aided by the indefatigable Captain Roberts a most valuable addition to Calcutta sport, could make them, there was nothing to interfere with the thorough enjoyment of the crowds who swarmed out to see the races, which, to judge from all we heard, they fully appreciated, the only regret expressed being that no one from Government House was present. The late Lord Mayo used to be a staunch supporter of Ballygunge and rode out especially to see the first race ever run there of which we have spoken above. We are not sure he was not the real owner of the horse called Mr. Dean which Captain Wallace rode and all but landed a winner in the first Ballygunge Cup Race, in the days when the timber-jumps had to be clean jumped, being cocoanut trees about four feet high, and not the fragile punkah-poles of the present degenerate (?) age. Though the Viceroy was absent however, our worthy Lieutenant-Governor shed the lustre of his welcome presence over the proceedings, having previously most liberally offered a subscription in aid of the day's sport. Shortly after his arrival the horses paraded over the show hurdle for the first race and then the fun began.

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			<i>st. lbs.</i>		<i>Penalties.</i> —Winners once of any	
<i>Weights.</i> —English	...		12	0	previous race or chase to carry 7lbs.,	
Australian	...		11	7	winners twice or more 10lbs. extra.	
Cape	...		11	0	<i>Allowances</i> —Horses lauded since	
Country-bred	...		10	0	1st July 1876 receive an allowance	
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Mr. John's	b e g	Gameboy	12	10	Capt. Humfrey...	1
" G. E. Thomas'	b w g	Jovial	12	8	Green	...2
Capt. Wallace's	br w g	Stanley	12	3	Owner	...
Mr. Cecil's	b w g	The Boojum	11	7	C. Dewing	...0

In three Lotteries, Gameboy sold for Rs. 190, Rs. 170 and Rs. 310 : Jovial for Rs. 120, Rs. 140 and Rs. 400 ; Stanley for Rs. 50, Rs. 80 and Rs. 70, and The Boojum for Rs. 20, Rs. 20 and Rs. 30.

When the flag dropped they all four rushed away tearing at their bits, and threw a great "lep" over the first fence, after which the jockies took steadiers for the big mud wall which was negotiated without a mistake, Gameboy giving the lead. On coming into view again on the road to the high ground after disappearing round the

mangoe tope, Gameboy was still ahead with Jovial in close attendance, Stanley and The Boojum bringing up the rear. Gameboy hit hard but got over the post and rails and lead the field over the drop, Jovial going up to him at the stake and bound fence, and fly jump into the bamboo tope, where again the field was for a brief space lost to sight, the caps of the riders only being now and again visible as they flitted past open spaces amongst the trees. They soon however again came into view, Gameboy being ahead, and as he charged the post and rails his fate was eagerly watched. He barely rose four inches and crashed into them, but fortunately for horse and rider, the wood being rotten smashed like tinder and he thus escaped the tumble he deserved. The others followed through the gap, all got safely over the water jump, and again negotiated without mishap the big wall, after which Gameboy was eased, and on coming into sight on to the high ground, Jovial held a lead of about ten to twelve lengths, Gameboy being sent along very slowly at this point with a view no doubt to get him safely over the post and rails which was accomplished, whilst Stanley plodded along as before in third place, and The Boojum, who was holding out signals of distress, brought up the rear. Jovial maintained the lead up to the bamboos when Gameboy was again let out, and on coming into sight they were alongside each other. They cleared together the fly fence, galloped neck and neck on to the bank (the last jump but one), raced down to the last jump over which Gameboy landed with half a length advantage, Jovial striking it which put him out of his stride, and aided by this Gameboy, after a good set to down the straight run in, was landed a winner by a length and a half from Jovial, Stanley who however picked up his ground wonderfully in the last mile being a bad third. The Boojum did not pass the post at all falling dead-beat all in a heap in the bank and ditch before the last jump, whence he was extricated with difficulty and limped home with a badly strained back and a sprung tendon.

Distance 3 miles 550 yards. Time—9min. 2secs.

It was a pretty race between Jovial and Gameboy, and the result might perhaps have been different had not the former had to carry the 5lbs. penalty for a professional rider which brought his weight within 2lbs. of Gameboy an English horse who would ordinarily have had to give him 7lbs. for class. Gameboy was admirably ridden by Captain Humfrey, a first-class horseman hailing from Bombay, who has become a member of the Association and is a valuable acquisition. Stanley and the Captain are a noted couple who always go straight and well together, and though beaten the welcoming cheer which greeted them as they passed the Stand was expressive that they were regarded as any thing but disgraced.

The Open Steeplechase. For a Purse of Rs. 1,000, added to a Sweepstakes of 2 Gold Mohurs from all starters. Weights, penalties, and allowances same as for the Ballygunge Cup. Winner to receive the Purse and half the Sweepstakes, and second horse the other half of the Sweepstakes, and his entrance money. Five horses representing *bond fide* five separate interests to start with the *bond fide* intention of going round the course or the Purse to be withheld. Open to all horses and riders.

Mr. F. G. Johnson's	b w g	Chang	12	3	Ryder	...	1
" C. Edward's	b w g	Red Eagle	12	3	Green	...	2
" John's	b w g	Crown Prince	11	7	Dewing	...	3
" Burch's	g w g	Firetail	11	7	Capt. Humfrey		0

At the Lotteries Firetail sold for Rs. 160; Chang for Rs. 100; Red Eagle for Rs. 10, and Crown Prince for Rs. 70.

By the original terms of the race the purse would have been withheld as only four horses came to the post, but the Stewards warmed to enthusiasm by the fine race between old Jovial and Gameboy, offered the full amount, and on the weighing preliminaries being over, rushed to posts of advantage to witness the performance of the Great Chang, a stranger to these parts except by fame.

On the word being given, Firetail assumed the lead, and was first over the Stand jump and big wall which Chang refused but leapt with consummate ease on being turned and put at it a second time. On coming on to the high ground, Firetail still held the lead. Red Eagle being second, and apparently kept there with difficulty, the pace being too slow to suit his "soaring" ideas, Chang lobbing along after them in a very casual manner in company with Crown Prince. The jumps along the high ground were all negotiated faultlessly, and they were then lost to sight round the bamboo tope. On coming into sight, Firetail's grey form which was first looked for "was not," much to everybody's surprise, and as first Red Eagle and then Chang and then Crown Prince came respectively into view and no Firetail, speculation as to his fate was rife. It turned out afterwards that, after negotiating the wall which is out of sight of the Stand, he swerved sharply at a little grip, and Captain Humfrey, who was in a saddle not much bigger than a baby's bib, being tired after his ride on Gameboy who pulled hard all the way, parted company with his horse who trod on his leg and left.

To revert to the chase. Chang after the fly fence was taken to the front and lead the field over the water jump which all got over without a mistake. He this time accepted the mud-wall without a refusal, followed by Red Eagle in good style, but Crown Prince came down without however hurting himself or his rider. Chang kept his lead along the high ground going well within himself, and on coming into view he was still ahead, and putting on the steam as he passed the fly fence had the race in hand, but though nearly losing it by an attempt to go out of the course at the post and rails instead of turning down to the straight run in, but fortunately there was some one standing there who put him right, he cantered in an easy winner by about twenty lengths, Red Eagle being second, and Crown Prince beaten off third.

Distance 3 miles 550 yards. Time—9min. 17secs.

Chang had it too much all his own way to make this a very interesting race, for he was never called on to extend himself. Ryder rode him well (his sporting owner was seedy) and we have not before had the pleasure of seeing him over jumps though we see that the sporting correspondent to the *Pioneer* mentions some previous performances of his in this line of country. May he proceed further in it and prosper, and chasing continues to increase so much in India that opportunities should not be wanting if he cares to avail of them.

The Suburban Cup. Value Rs. 500. Presented by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. For all horses not exceeding 15 hands 1 inch in height, owned by members of the Association. Open to all riders. Weights, 15-1 to carry 12st., and 3lbs. allowed for every half inch under. Penalties same as in the Ballygunge Cup. Allowances, owners riding their own horses allowed 4lbs., Country-breds allowed 5lbs., and Arabs 10lbs. in addition to other allowances. Horses landed since 1st July 1876 allowed 5lbs.

Mr. Bobstick's	g w g	The Badger	11	12	Mr. Latham	...	1
" Dorking's	g w g	Viking	11	7	Owner	...	2
Capt. Wallace's	br w g	Mariner	11	5	Owner	...	3
Mr. Robert's	bl w m	Black Empress	11	5	FitzGerald	...	0
" Lloyd's	b w g	Fiddler	12	2	C. Dewing	...	0

The flag was dropped to an excellent start, and the field rushed off pretty well in a body, keeping in a cluster through the mangoes tope and over the small stake and bound fence, but at the wall following, The Badger refused but was soon got round and over. On coming into sight at the fly fence, he was leading, followed closely by Viking, the rest being well up, and they were all pegging along at a good rattling pace as they neared the post and rails and water both of which all flew in capital style except Black Empress who threw her "leaps" in a fearful and wonderful way in which she was aided and abetted to the full by her Jockey. After the mud wall and on coming on to the high ground, The Badger was still ahead, Viking as before running a good second to him, Mariner lying off third, Fiddler and Black Empress bringing up the rear. The leaders crammed on the pace over the nice bit of grass through the bamboos, and The Badger losing no distance this time round by a refusal at the mud-wall, was still in the front rank on coming into sight and going over the fly fence. Viking never left him, but in spite of a stumble made by The Badger, on jumping up on to the bank, he could not quite catch him, and Viking making a slight mistake at the last fence, The Badger was cleverly landed the winner by about three lengths, Mariner running in an indifferent third, whilst Black Empress and Fiddler falling heavily at the last fence but one (the ditch and bank), did not pass the post.

Distance 2 miles 1000 yards. Time—7min. 12secs.

Mr. Latham rode this race remarkably well, and is in every way a most promising young horseman, having an earnest and quiet though forcible style about him which is very taking, and from which not a few of the "rough-riding bushmen" that frequent these parts might with advantage take a lesson. The Badger has now proved himself a rare good little horse, though it is difficult from looking at him to say where his good qualities are, for he is not an object beautiful for the eye to dwell on, and nowhere shews any portion of the mede of excellence which is in him. Viking went very well under his owner's able guidance, but Mariner was out of sorts and did not travel in anything like his real form which we saw to perfection in the beating he gave Viceroy at Barrackpore.

This brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close, and as we were preparing to leave, we observed a crowd around the spot where in the first race The Boojum had come to grief, and where, as we have

remarked, Fiddler and Black Empress fell heavily. On rushing up we found a repetition of the sad spectacle of last year when poor Hermit fell into a blind ditch and broke his back, for the two horses named were lying where they felt quite helpless and dying, and in about half an hour after it happened both were dead. Neither horse was in any condition for racing, and it seems that being exhausted they had not strength enough to jump on to the top of the bank, but jumping short their toes stuck into the middle of the bank, the earth gave way, -their hind quarters dropped into the ditch, and both came down crumplers though happily without hurting their jockeys. They probably both broke their backs, the mare who, poor beast, was whinnying with pain having evidently done so, but congestion of the lungs may also have had something to do with their dying so soon. No blame can possibly be attached to the jump, for it was a perfectly natural one and small, and no one could have anticipated it would be productive of such disaster. The total of casualties for the day was unpleasantly large. Captain Humfrey lamed. The Boojum badly hurt, and Fiddler and Black Empress killed, whilst subsequently it was found that Viking had sprained a back sinew.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1877.

The races on this day were as usual all handicaps, and after the issue of the weights which were very generally approved, some capital racing was looked forward to, but unfortunately owing to tumbles and other mishaps, two of the best races were spoilt, and the day did not therefore present quite so much of attraction to the sporting public as the previous Saturday. The post and rail jumps which were condemned on the first day were completely re-built, good substantial natural looking "soondry ballies" with the bark on being substituted for the long punkah-pole-like timber used on the first day, and the difference was fatal to the Irish horse who over a wall or bank can throw a "lep" with the very best of them, but is a most uncertain beast at timber. There were not quite so many horses as were expected, several having been incapacitated by lameness and other ailments amongst which we may mention The Boojum, Viking, Flight, and Red Eagle, whilst Royal, The Bard, and Mariner were also absentees. The attendance at the Stand was again very good, but there were not so many people as on the first day, the variety of gaieties which is just now in progress for the delectation of the inhabitants of and visitors to the metropolis being too great to permit every one going to every thing except the most indefatigable and able-bodied amongst us.

The starting bell resounded very punctually across the sandy plain and ushered in the first act which was

The Trial Chase Cup. Value Rs. 400, presented by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. A handicap for all horses owned by members of the Association, purchased unconditionally for not more than Rs. 1,000 and which have never won a race or chase at this or any other meeting. Owners riding their own horses allowed 4lbs. off the handicap weights.

Mr. Thomas'	b w g	The Cid	10 10	Mr. Latham ...	1
„ Choter's	b w m	Mignonette	10 10	Dr. Motgan ...	2
„ Andrew's	c w g	Rob Roy	10 7	FitzGerald ..	3
„ Robert's	g w g	Grey Friar	10 7	C. Dewing ...	0
„ Magor's	b w g	Billy Buttons	12 0	R. Carrig ...	0

In two Lotteries, The Cid sold for Rs. 90 and Rs. 60; Mignonette for Rs. 50 and Rs. 90; Billy Buttons for Rs. 300 and Rs. 300; Rob Roy for Rs. 40, and Grey Friar for Rs. 130 and Rs. 100.

Very little was known about this lot except from their performances in paper-chases and at the sky meetings, though The Cid had been considerably puffed up by the gentleman who lately brought him up with a shipload from Australia, but Billy Buttons was installed first favorite principally apparently on account of his size, for he towered over the others.

At the start Grey Friar, a persistent refuser, took the lead and refused the mud-wall in front of the bamboos right across Billy Buttons who followed him and both got left behind. On coming into sight at the fly fence Rob Roy had the lead with Mignonette and The Cid in close attendance in which order they jumped the post and rails, Mignonette catching a hind leg in it and as nearly as possible coming down. They all flew the water in good style and then took a steady pull for the big wall which loomed ahead of them but was negotiated without accident by the leaders, though Billy Buttons and Grey Friar who in course of time got up to it both again refused. Coming up on to the high ground The Cid was taken to the front, and from this point was never again headed, Rob Roy being beaten off from want of condition, and Mignonette not being fast enough to keep within more than five or six lengths behind. They both did their lepping along the high ground very neatly and shoved on the pace across the grass and through the bamboos and round the gardens out of sight of the Stand, but on nearing the straight run in, it was evident The Cid had the race in hand, for Mignonette's final effort failed to land her any nearer and The Cid galloped in the winner by about ten lengths from Mignonette, Rob Roy passing the post third, whilst the other two failed to get round the course.

Distance 2 miles 1000 yds.—Time 7min. 12 secs.

Mr. Latham again rode well and got through his work in exactly the same time as with The Badger on the previous day. The Cid went in good style, and being an undeniable fencer may perhaps in time prove himself almost as good as he was declared to be, which is not often the case with horses from Australia which are much “bucked” about by their importers. Mignonette is a pretty well-bred little mare, but lacks speed, and the others seemed to lack too many things to enumerate.

The Open Handicap. For all horses and riders. Rs. 500 given if four or more horses on separate interests started. Rs. 300 if only three horses started. Rs. 200 if only two started. Added to a sweepstakes of one gold mohur from all starters, of which the second horse to get half in addition to a return of his entrance money.

Mr. F. G. Johnson's	b w g	Chang	12	4	Owner	... 1
" John's	b w g	Crown Prince	10	11	Cozens	... 2
" John's	b e g	Gameboy	12	2	Tingey	... 0
" Burgh's	g w g	Firetail	10	7	Tichborne	... 0
Dr. Morgan's	b w g	Dauntless	10	8	FitzGerald	... 0

In two Lotteries, Chang sold for Rs. 300 and Rs. 450; Gameboy for Rs. 290 and Rs. 410; Firetail for Rs. 200 and Rs. 160; Crown Prince for Rs. 30.

At the word being given, Chang shot off with the lead but was quickly pulled back into the rear rank, giving first honors to Firetail who was followed closely by Gameboy and Dauntless. They were running in about this order on coming over the fly fence and on nearing the post and rails mischief began, for at the flight of hurdles just preceding it, Gameboy whom Tingey was trying to keep back was cannoned against, some of the horses who were mostly in a body seeming to swerve across each other, and this upset Gameboy's equanimity. He rushed at the post and rails, rose at them too soon, and crashed right on the top of them turning a summersault on to Tingey who escaped with a severe shake but could not go on, whilst Firetail also hitting them hard came to grief and getting away was put out of it. Chang, who at this interlude had been discreetly kept well back, got over safely by himself, as also did Dauntless, and Crown Prince who jumped on to the top of Gameboy. Dauntless was first over the water but fell an almighty cropper at the big mud-wall, thus leaving the race to Chang and Crown Prince, and the latter overreaching badly somewhere on the far side of the course whilst running in good form, Chang merely had to negotiate his jumps without a mistake which he had no difficulty in doing and was lauded an easy winner, Crown Prince walking in second.

Distance 2miles 1000 yards. Time 6min. 43 secs.

The public were pleased at having the opportunity of seeing the performance, before the meeting closed, of that first-class horseman, the owner of Chang, as well as of Chang himself, though the unfortunate accidents spoilt what promised to be a very pretty race, for Gameboy and Chang had never met before and the issue of a struggle between them had been looked forward to with great interest, but we do not think the former would have beaten the giant if he had kept on his legs. Firetail also was thought by some to be well in it, but in our opinion he was not fit enough to have run nearer than third, though we expect he will prove a dangerous horse next year, for he seems speedy and can fence too. He would not have fallen in this race with a strong man on him. Crown Prince is a clinking fencer and should make himself heard of in the lepping business.

The Calcutta Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. Presented by the community of Calcutta. A handicap for horses owned by members of the Association who are residents in Calcutta or within a radius of 25 miles thereof, and which have not been trained or kept at any place outside that radius for three months previous to the day of the race.

Captain Wallace's	br w g	Stanley	11	7	Owner	...	1
Mr. G. E. Thomas'	b w g	Jovial	12	5	Green	...	2
" Bobstick's	g w g	The Badger	11	0	Mr. Latham		0
" Johnstone's	b w m	Kathleen	8	7	Cozens	...	0

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The day's proceedings and the annual meeting were brought to a happy conclusion by the presentation of the Association prizes by a lady to the various winners, the principal prize of the meeting, *viz.*, the Ballygunge Cup, being handed over to the popular Mr. John of Chumparun, a very hard man to beat, whilst the rest of the Cups remain in Calcutta, Mr. Bobstick taking the Suburban Cup, and Mr. J. and G. E. Thomas the Trial Chase Cup, whilst the Cup presented by the community of Calcutta was given to our worthy citizen Capt. Wallace. The trophies which were procured expressly for the meeting from Messrs. Elkington and Company of Liverpool were on show on the Stand during the races, and were much admired, and being very handsome will fill most worthily a niche on the sideboards of the gentlemen who won them, and long may they all live to keep and talk of them.

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FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1877.

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 LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD, A.D.C.
 CAPTAIN GAMBIER, R.A.

CAPTAIN WALLACE, R.E.
 J. THOMAS, ESQ.
 R. N. MALLY, ESQ., 40TH REGT.
 A. LANDALE, ESQ.
 C. H. MOORE, ESQ.
 C. H. NELSON, ESQ.

Honorary Secretary,

... C. E. MANGLES, 40TH REGT.

Five events were put down on the card, beginning with the Lilliput St. Leger, for which eight ponies started, the winner turning up in Mr. Johnson's Overture, admirably ridden by its owner. This pony was bought not long since for eighty rupees, and, we should think, could not now be purchased for ten times the amount. For the Dum-Dum Derby seven started, Certainty belying his name by his absence; Glengarry, as was anticipated, being the winner, Bowra Bill and Royal close up. The Dum-Dum Stakes was the third on the card, and excited some interest in the meeting of Chang and Jovial. The first was ridden by that excellent sportsman, Mr. Johnson, his owner, who may be congratulated on possessing one of the best steeplechasers in India. His success was hailed with well-deserved cheers, for his judgment throughout as to the pace and his horse's capabilities were admirable. Dewing and Green also are to be mentioned for the excellent way they rode Jovial and Firetail, all fencing from end to end without a mistake. For the Tallyho Stakes, Crown Prince may be said to have walked over; for his sole opponent, Daisy, could not be persuaded to jump the first hurdle, and consequently did not go the course. Ten horses were put down for the Corinthian Stakes, which was won by Polly, with Euxine and Maria Mouk in close attendance. Actress also ran in this race; but it is rather stretching a point, we imagine, to call her a *bond fide* hack. The Handicap for the Steeplechase, as the event proved, reflected favorably on the judgment of the Stewards. The first race was put down for 3-30 P.M., but it was quite 20 minutes after when they started; hence the last race cannot be described, owing to darkness setting in.

The Lilliput St. Leger. For all ponies 13 hands and under. Weight for inches, 12-2 to carry 10st., 3lbs. added or allowed for every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch over or under. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Entrance Rs. 10. To close at noon the day before the race. Winner to receive Rs. 100.

Mr. Johnson's	b cb p	Overture	11 9	Owner	... 1
„ John's	gr cb p	Sultan	11 8	„	... 2
„ Arthur's	br aus p	Donald	13hds	Mr. Fred	... 3

Scamp, Bungla Bahadur, Rufiana, Mouse, and Hawk also ran.

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After a false start, Bungla Bahadur jumped off with the lead, but was soon passed by the first three, Overture winning easily. Time—1min. 58secs.

The Dum-Dum Derby. For all horses. C. W. A. C. raised 21lbs. Distance about 1 mile. Winner to receive Rs. 500.

Mr. Roderick's	blk w h	Glengarry	11 7	Mr. John	...	1
" John's	br w g	Bowra Bill	11 4	Bedasey	...	2
" Johnson's	br w g	Royal	11 4	Owner	...	3
" Mackellar's	blk w g	Moleskin	11 4	Ditto	...	0
" Bertie's	b w g	Prince	11 2	Dr. Hart	...	0
" Carlingford's	b w g	Shamrock	11 4	Carrig	...	0
" Anderson's	b w g	Blazeaway	11 4	Dr. Morgan	...	0

All off to a good start. Royal soon getting the lead, but passed shortly after by Moleskin. At the half mile Prince passed Moleskin, but was displaced from the lead by Glengarry and Bowra Bill, Royal also close up. Coming into the straight, a good set-to took place between the first three. Glengarry winning by nearly a length.

The Dum-Dum Stakes. A Handicap Steeplechase. For all horses. Distance about 2 miles. Winner to receive Rs. 1,500.

Mr. Johnson's	b w g	Chang	12 7	Owner	...	1
" Thomas'	b w g	Jovial	11 4	Dewing	...	2
" Burgh's	g w g	Firetail	10 11	Green	...	3
" Edmond's	b w g	Red Eagle	11 0	Cozens	...	fell.
" Geneste's	br w g	Flight	10 7	Dr. Morgan	...	fell.

The first three fences were taken by Flight and Jovial some lengths ahead of Red Eagle and Chang, Firetail being last. Coming to the water jump in front of the Stand, Flight was first over, Red Eagle second, Jovial third, Chang fourth, and Firetail fifth. The last-named, tripping on landing, threw Green out of the saddle on to his neck; but he soon righted himself, and was again in pursuit. At the lower turn of the course past the Stand, Red Eagle and Flight both fell, from a "cannon." Flight, however, continued the hunt over the jumps that followed without a rider. At the other side of the course, Jovial led by a good distance, and really looked like winning, but Firetail gradually drew up, with Chang not far behind. Rounding the corner, these three closed up, and for a moment it appeared anybody's race. Mr. Johnson, however, on Chang came away about a hundred yards from home, and won as he liked, Firetail about two lengths from Jovial. Time—6mins. 10secs.

The Tallyho Stakes. Of Rs. 16 each. A Give-and-Take Steeplechase. For all horses. Horses 14-3 to carry 11st. 7lbs., and 3lbs. added or allowed for every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch over or under. A winner of any chase, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 10lbs. extra. Distance 2miles. Winner to receive Rs. 500. The winner of this race is liable to be claimed by any one running a horse in the race for Rs. 2,000.

Mr. Jones'	b w g	Crown Prince	12 3	Cozens	...	1
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Mr. Arrarat's g w m Daisy started for this race, but obstinately refused the first fence, and so was left behind, Crown Prince cantering round by himself. The Cid was scratched.

The Corinthian Stakes. Of Rs. 200. C. W. A. C. raised 2st. For all *bond fide* hacks that have not been trained for four months previous to 1st February 1877. Winner to be put up to auction at Rs. 600 immediately after the race, and any surplus above the selling price to go to the Fund. Entrance Rs. 20. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. G. R.

Capt. Grant's	b w m	Polly	11 11	Mr. John ...	1
Mr. Goodman's	br w m	Euxine	11 4	" R. ...	2
„ Monk's	b w m	Maria Monk	11 4	Dr. Hart ...	3

The following also ran—Bob, Fanny, Budmash, Crushed-Food, The Doctor, Huz, and Actress.

Owing to the delay in starting, it began to grow dark ; so it was impossible to distinguish how they ran.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Another fine day and a promising card of sport drew a large attendance to the course. A northerly breeze was blowing, which tempered the heat of the sun, and more beautiful weather could not be desired. The ground also was perfection. It was feared that the heavy rains of the three days previously would have made it somewhat sticky, but it was not so. As on the first day's racing, the Stand displayed a goodly array of female elegance and beauty, the gay toilets of the ladies presenting a striking appearance in contrast with the more sober broadcloth of the gentlemen when viewed from the front. As may be expected under military organization, the arrangements throughout were eminently satisfactory, and to the Honorary Secretary must be accorded all praise for a very successful meeting. Between each race the Band of the 40th Regiment played selections of music ; and with no dust, dirt, or discomfort, every one was pleased. Mr. Perry too, of the Great Eastern Hotel pavilion, must not be overlooked for the important *role* he played in the day's proceedings, the provision for the inner man being ample and satisfactory. Punctuality can, however, be scarcely credited as a virtue to the Stewards, for again there was a delay of nearly half an hour previously to the start for the first race and the time advertised.

The Stewards' Handicap, though second on the cards, was run first, for which four came to the post, out of an entry of ten ; Bowra Bill reserved for the Diana Bracelet, and Snowdrop, Blazeaway, Princess, Shamrock, and Peeress not accepting. The finish between Royal and Glengarry in this race was capital, Mr. Johnson only landing his horse a winner by a head. For the Hurry Scurry, Geraldine cantered from beginning to end, at the head of a field of five, which never got

within fifty yards of her. The Selling Handicap Steeplechase was thought a certainty for Gameboy, ridden by Mr. Johnson; but the winner turned up in Stanley, who was sold for the smallest amount in the lotteries, in one of Rs. 1,625 for Rs. 20 only. Flight and Firetail ran also very well in this race, the latter just before rounding the turn into the straight drawing up to the leaders at every stride, but too late to be of service. For the Handicap Steeplechase, The Badger was first favorite, and, as was anticipated, won with ease. The meeting was brought to a conclusion by Bowra Bill winning the Diana Bracelet, never being headed from the start.

The Stewards' Handicap. For all horses. Distance about 1 mile. Weights to be published on the morning of 7th February. Acceptances to be sent to the Secretary by noon on the day before the race. Entrance as in Dum-Dum Derby. Winner to receive Rs. 500.

Mr. Johnson's	br w g	Royal	10 12	Owner	... 1
„ John's	blk w g	Glengarry	11 7	Ditto	... 2
„ Mackellar's	blk w g	Moleskin	10 5	Mr. Tippinge	... 3
„ Innes'	b w g	Fisherboy	10 7	Cozens	... 4

Glengarry started with the lead, but was soon pulled back, and passed by Royal; Moleskin close up. In this order they ran till coming round the corner, where Moleskin and Fisherboy were beaten. The two leaders coming on side by side, a fine set-to ensued, both riders doing their best, Mr. Johnson, however, landing his horse a winner by a head. Time—2mins. 4secs.

For this race a lottery was held in which

Glengarry	sold for Rs	...	...	360
Royal	„	„	...	260
Fisherboy	„	„	...	160
Moleskin	„	„	...	60
Add 100 Tickets at Rs. 10			...	1,000

Rs. 1,840

Less 5 per cent. „ 92

Rs. 1,748

The Hurry Scurry. For all Arabs and Country-breds. Weight for class, no allowance for mares or geldings. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. To close at 8 A. M. the day before the race. Winner to receive Rs. 200. Entrance Rs. 10.

Mr. Donald's	ch cb m	Geraldine	Native	... 1
Mr. Mansell's	ch cb g	The Doctor	Ditto	... 2
Mr. Arrarat's	b cb m	Budmash	Dick	... 0
Messrs. Cook & Co.'s	b a g	Crushed Food	Native	... 0
Mr. R.'s	b cb m	Jenny	Mr. Cortlandt	... 0
Mr. Cecil's	g a h	Muffineer	Native	... 0

A good start with Geraldine and Crushed Food in front. The mare cantered away from the field, and won easily. The others came in one after the other, The Doctor getting second place. Time—1min. 37secs.

The Stand Plate Selling Handicap Steeplechase. Rs. 600. For all horses. Distance 2 miles. Entrance Rs. 16 each. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for Rs. 2,000 and the surplus, if any, to go to the Fund. To close and name at noon the day before the race. Weights to be published at Ordinary the same evening.

Capt. Wallace's	br w g	Stanley	10 12	Dewing	... 1
Mr. Geneste's	br w g	Flight	10 10	Dr. Morgan	2
„ Burgh's	g w g	Firetail	10 7	Green	... 3
„ Lloyd's	br w g	Crown Prince	10 4	Tichborne	... 0
„ Edward's	b w g	Red Eagle	10 12	Cozens	... 0
„ John's	b r g	Gameboy	12 0	Mr. Johnson	fell.

A fair start, all over the first jump almost together. Flight then rushed ahead, and was first over the water jump in front of the Stand, Gameboy second, and Firetail last. At the next jump, Gameboy fell, and was out of the race. At the far end of the course Flight led by some distance, with Red Eagle second. Firetail, who had been last, now began to draw up; and Stanley, who had been running third, came on with Flight. About half a mile from home, Red Eagle and Crown Prince were beaten. The last hurdle was taken by the three leading horses abreast of each other, and it looked like Firetail's race; but by hard riding, Captain Wallace gradually forged ahead, and won from Flight by a neck. Time—4mins. 55secs.

In the lotteries Gameboy	sold for Rs. 450 and 340	
Flight	210	100
Red Eagle	170	100
Firetail	150	100
Stanley	110	20
Crown Prince	160	50
	1,250	710
100 Tickets at Rs. 10	1,000	1,000
	2,250	1,710
Less 5 per cent.	113	85
Total value of Lotteries	2,137	1,625

A Handicap Steeplechase. For all horses 15 hands and under. Distance about 2 miles. Weights to be published and acceptances declared as in the Stewards' Handicap. Winner to receive Rs. 500.

Mr. Bobstick's	g w g	The Badger	11 12	Mr. Johnson	... 1
„ Robert's	g w g	Grey Friar	10 2	Dewing	... 2
„ Choter's	b w m	Mignonette	10 7	Dr. Morgan	... fell.
Capt. Wallace's	br w g	Mariner	11 4	Owner	... fell.
Mr. Arrarat's	g w m	Daisy	9 0	Dick	... 3

The Badger and Mariner first off, and all over the first jump and the water jump. At the corner The Badger was passed by Mariner, these two alternately passing each other until they arrived at the far side of the course, where Mariner came down when going well. Coming into the straight, Grey Friar made an effort to overhaul The Badger, but was easily beaten at the finish by a length. Time—5min. 21secs.

At the Lotteries The Badger sold for	Rs.	400
" Mariner	"	...	"	310
" Mignonette	"	...	"	130
" Grey Friar	"	...	"	40
" Daisy	"	...	"	10
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				890
100 Tickets at Rs. 10	"	1,000
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				1,890
Less 5 per cent.	95
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				1,795

The Diana Bracelet. Value Rs. 200. For all horses nominated by ladies. Weight for class raised 2lbs. Entrance Rs. 20. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. G. R.

Mrs. Thurburn's	b w g	Bowra Bill	12 4	Mr. John	...	1
" Monk's	b w m	Maria Monk	11 4	" Maugles	...	2
" W. A. Robert's	b w m	Polly	12 0	Capt. Gambier	...	0
" Dyer's	b w g	Prince	11 5	Dr. Hart	...	0

Bowra Bill led from start to finish, and won as he liked. There was a good race for second place between Maria Monk and Polly, the former beating Polly by a neck. Time—59secs.

The road home was very crowded, and, as darkness had set in, it required some judgment in driving; however, we have heard of no accidents, and so ends a very pleasant Meeting.—*The Englishman*.

RACES TO COME.

WELLINGTON RACES—1877.

First Entrances.

THE MAIDEN PURSE.

Mr. Aubery's	c w g	...	...	Telegram.
" Goodrich's	—	...	...	Mayfly.
" Covey's	br w g	...	...	Touchstone.
" Pilgrim's	b w g	...	...	Lottery.
H. H. The Maharajah Pertab Sing's	—	...	...	Pegasus.

THE WELLINGTON DERBY.

Mr. B.'s	b a c	...	...	Scamp.
Aga Ally Ascar's	c a c	...	...	Liverpool.
Ditto	b a c	...	...	Munchekof.
Mr. Herbert's	g a h	...	...	Child of the Desert.
Ditto	c c b g	...	...	The Rake.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudpore's	—	...	...	Iron Duke.
Mr. H. B.'s	g a h	...	...	The Panther.
Ditto	b a g	...	...	Lottery.
Mr. Morgan's	b c b f	...	...	Maid of the Mist.
" Dunbar's	b c b f	...	...	Flora.

THE WELTER.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	...	...	Dick Turpin.
Major Farwell's	b w g	...	...	Oliver Twist.
Colonel Warrington's	b w m	...	...	Sweetbriar.
Mr. Aubery's	c w g	...	...	Telegram.
" Goodrich's	—	...	...	Mayfly.
" Covey's	b w m	...	...	Blue Mantle.
Ditto	b w g	...	...	Hunter.
Ochterlony Confederacy's	b w g	...	...	Blackbird.
Mr. Pilgrim's	b w h	...	...	The Secret.

TRIAL STAKES.

Mr. Covey's	b w g	...	...	Hunter.
" Pilgrim's	b w h	...	...	Lord Clifden.
Ditto	b w g	...	...	Trumpator.
H. H. the Maharajah of Joudpore's	br e h	...	...	Crown Prince.

THE WELCOME PURSE.

Mr. B's	b a c	...	...	Scamp.
Aga Ally Ascar's	c a h	...	...	Ackbar.
Ditto	g a h	...	...	Hadjhee.
Colonel Warrington's	b a h	...	...	Sirmust.
Mr. Goodrich's	g a h	...	...	St. Hubert.
Covey's	b a h	...	...	Marquis.
Pilgrim's	c c b g	...	...	Surprise.
Morgan's	b c b f	...	...	Maid of the Mist.

THE NEILGHERRY CUP.

Mr. Goodrich's	————	...	Mayfly.
Covey's	b w g	...	Hunter.
Pilgrim's	b w h	...	Lord Clifden.
Ditto	b w g	...	Trumpator.
H. H. the Maharajah of Joudpore's	br e h	...	Crown Prince.
Pertab Sing's	————	...	Pegasus.

THE COONOOK PURSE.

Mr. B's	b a c	...	...	Scamp.
Aga Ally Ascar's	g a h	...	...	Hadjhee.
Ditto	b a c	...	...	Munchehof.
Colonel Warrington's	b a h	...	...	Sirmust.
Mr. Herbert's	g a h	...	...	Child of the Desert.
Ditto	c c b g	...	...	The Rake.
Mr. Goodrich's	g a h	...	...	St. Hubert.
Covey's	b a h	...	...	Marquis.
Pilgrim's	c c b g	...	...	Surprise.
Morgan's	b c b f	...	...	Maid of the Mist.
Dunbar's	b c b f	...	...	Flora.

PLANTERS' PURSE.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	...	...	Dick Turpin.
Aubery's	c w g	...	...	Telegram.
Ochterlony Confederacy's	b w g	...	...	Blackbird.
Mr. Downall's	br w g	...	...	Spec.

Next entries close 1st March 1877; Stable Lotteries on 2nd and 9th May 1877; Other Lotteries on 14th, 16th and 18th May 1877. Owners had better apply for stabling early and specify date.

CHARLES W. RICHARDS,

2nd February, 1877.

For Honorary Secretary.

PROSPECTUS OF THE BANGALORE RACES FOR 1877.

Stewards :

MAJOR-GENL. ELMHIRST, C. B.	MAJOR LINDSAY.
J. D. GORDON, ESQ., C. S. I.	MAJOR BARNES.
COLONEL PEARSE.	COLONEL WALLACE, C. B.
DR. ORR, C. B.	MAJOR KNOX.
MAJOR HAYWARD.	A. G. GAYE, ESQ.

With power to add to their number.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1877.

Trial Stakes. Rupees 500. One mile. For all horses. Weight for age and class. Winner of one season 3lbs., two or more seasons 5lbs, extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50 ; 1st April Rs. 75 ; 1st May Rs. 100 ; 1st June Rs. 150 and 1st July Rs. 200.

H. H. The Mysore Maharajah's Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. For Maiden Arabs and Mysore bred horses. Arab weight for age. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Winner of the season 3lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50 ; 1st April Rs. 100 ; 1st May Rs. 150 ; 1st June Rs. 200 and 1st July Rs. 300.

Maiden Galloway Purse. Rs. 350. For Arab Galloways. R. C. Weight for age. Winner of the season 3lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st April Rs. 50 ; 1st May Rs. 75 ; 1st June Rs. 100 and 1st July Rs. 150.

Bangalore Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. For all English, Colonial and Country-bred maidens. Weight for age and class. Mysore bred horses allowed 1st. Winners of the season 3lbs. extra. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50 ; 1st April Rs. 100 ; 1st May Rs. 150 ; 1st June Rs. 200 and 1st July Rs. 300.

Hack Race. Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. For all horses. English and Colonial to carry 11st. 7lbs. Arab and Country-breds 9st. 7lbs. Winner to be sold by auction if claimed within quarter of an hour after the race. Should the price exceed Rs. 600, the surplus to go to the Fund. To close and name at 7 A. M., the day before the race. Entrance Rs. 30. P. P.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1877.

The Officers' Challenge Cup. Value Rs. 500. With Rs. 250 added. For all horses, the property of Officers of H. M.'s services serving in India. R. C. G. R. Professionals to carry 7lbs. extra. Weight for age and class raised 1 stone. Entrance on 1st April Rs. 50; 1st May Rs. 75; 1st June Rs. 100 and 1st July Rs. 150.

The Mysore Cup. Value Rs. 750. For Maiden Arabs. R. C. Weight for age. Winners of a previous meeting to carry 3 lbs. extra. Winner of the Maharajah's Cup an additional 5lbs. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100; 1st June Rs. 150 and 1st July Rs. 200.

The Eastern Plate. Rs. 500. For all Arab and Country-bred horses. 1 mile. Weight for age and class. Winners of one previous season to carry 5 lbs., oftener 7 lbs. extra. Winner of the Maharajah's Cup 3lbs. extra. Maidens of the season allowed 5lbs. of the day 7lbs. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100; 1st June Rs. 150 and 1st July Rs. 200.

The Stewards' Cup. Value Rs. 600. A Handicap for all Colonial and Country-bred Maidens beaten on the first day. R. C. Entrance to be made at the Stand by 7 A. M., on 18th July. Entrance Rs. 100. P. P.

The Diana Bracelet. Value Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. G. R. Weight 11st. For all horses, either English or Colonial, to be named by ladies at noon the day before the Race.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 21ST JULY, 1877.

The Mysore Commission Cup. Value Rs. 2,000. Presented by the Officers of the Mysore Commission. $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. A Handicap for all horses. Top weight not to exceed 10st. 7lbs. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 100; 1st May Rs. 150; 1st June Rs. 200 and 1st July Rs. 300.

The Abkaree Purse. Rs. 1,000. Presented by Mullapah Chetty, Esq., Rai Bahadoor. A Handicap for all Arabs that have started during the meeting. Highest weight 9st. 8lbs. R. C. and a distance. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100; 1st June Rs. 150 and 1st July Rs. 200.

Grand Stand Stakes. Rs. 500. R. C. and a distance. A Handicap. For all Maidens. Top weight not to exceed 10st. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100 1st June, Rs. 150, and 1st July Rs. 200.

Galloway Purse. Rs. 350. For all Galloways. R. C. Weight for age. Maidens allowed 5lbs. Winners once 5, twice or oftener 7lbs. additional. Entrance on 1st April Rs. 50; 1st May Rs. 75; 1st June Rs. 100 and 1st July Rs. 150.

The Charger Stakes. Rs. 250. For all Officers' horses that have been ridden regularly on parade for three months or more, and have not been trained previous to 1st July. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. G. R. Arabs 9st. 7lbs. Country-breds 10st. 7lbs. Colonials 11st. 7lbs Entrance Rs. 30. The entrance to be made by noon on the day before the Race.

Pony Race. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 100. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Weight 9 st. To close and name at 12 noon the day before the Race. Entrance Rs. 15.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1877.

The Waler Purse. Rs. 500. A Handicap for all horses. R. C. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100; 1st June Rs. 150 and 1st July Rs. 200

The Desert Handicap. Rs. 500. For all Arabs. R. C. and a distance. Entrance on 1st March Rs. 50; 1st April Rs. 75; 1st May Rs. 100; 1st June Rs. 150; 1st July Rs. 200.

The Auction Stakes. Rs. 400. For all horses. The winner to be sold by auction after the race. The surplus above selling price to go to the Fund. Price Rs. 700. Weight 7st. 7lbs., and 4lbs. to be added for every Rs. 200 up to Rs. 3,000. 1 mile. To close and name at noon the day before the race. Entrance Rs. 100 P. P.

The Whim Plate. For all Maiden Arabs. Rs. 300. Weight for age and inches, as per W. I. T. C. Rules. Entrance on the 1st April Rs. 50; 1st May Rs. 75; 1st June Rs. 100 and 1st July Rs. 150.

The Bedouin Bracelet. Value Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. G. R. Weight 10st. For all Arab horses; to be named by ladies at noon the day before the Race.

FIFTH DAY, THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1877.

Winners' Handicap. Rs. 400. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all horses. Forced for winners, optional to losers at Rs. 50. Rs. 50 for each race won, and Rs. 50 for a start.

Winners' Handicap. Rs. 400. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile. For Arab and Country-bred horses. Forced for winners, optional to losers at Rs. 50. Rs. 50 for each race won, and Rs. 50 for a start.

Consolation Stakes. Rs. 300. R. C. For all horses that have started and not won during the meeting. Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start.

Consolation Stakes. Rs. 300. R. C. For Arab and Country-bred horses that have started and not won during the meeting. Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start.

Pony Race. For ponies that have been regularly ridden at hockey at Bangalore. Rs. 100 from the Fund. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile heats without dismounting. Catch-weights over 10st. To close and name at 12 noon the day before the race. Entrance Rs. 15.

The Lilliputian Race. Rs. 20 to the 1st and Rs. 10 to the 2nd Pony. For boys under 10 years of age on their own ponies. A distance.

R U L E S .

1. Calcutta Racing Rules of 1875 with Sliding Scale of Weights, (Local Rules excepted.)

2. Owners to pay Rs. 20 subscription for each horse entered.

3. A horse walking over is to receive half the public money once during the meeting, and the entrance money and forfeits on all occasions. In Cup Races, three horses in separate interests must start or the Cup will be withheld, unless the terms of the Race specify to the contrary.

4. Horses to be at the starting post precisely at the hour named in the Bill, or they will be liable to be left out of the Race.

5. Any objection to horse's weight being incorrectly entered in the Race Bill, must be made before the Race.

6. Native Jockeys will be allowed 4lbs. in all Races, when riding with Europeans.

7. All Colonial and English horses landed direct from country of birth allowed 5lbs., if landed within 8 months from 1st July 1876, and 3lbs. if landed within 12 months from same date.

8. The fee for aging each horse is Rs. 10.

9. Winners of lotteries to pay 5 per cent. to the Fund on the gross value of each lottery.

10. No maiden or sex allowance given in Handicaps, Auction or Selling Stakes, or in races where the weights are fixed.

11. Rs. 50 to be lodged in the Secretary's hands before any objection can be entertained; the objection must be sent in writing to the Secretary, and the fifty rupees will be forfeited, should the Stewards declare the objection to be frivolous.

12. All Handicaps will be out by 9 A. M., the day before each such Race, and acceptances to be with the Secretary by noon on the same day. Entrances not forced in the Winning Handicaps to be in by noon of the 25th and also the Entrances for the Consolation Races.

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14. The Secretary is empowered to demand cash payments for Lottery or Pari Mutuel Tickets, and also for Lottery purchases, whenever he may consider such a measure advisable.

15. The Secretary is empowered to call upon any person entering horses for the meeting to pay in advance, or at the time of his taking the nominations or entrances, all the forfeits for which he may become liable thereon. In cases of non-compliance the entrances or nominations will be rejected.

16. All communications are to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the Races, Bangalore.

A. W. C. LINDSAY,

Honorary Secretary.

Scale of Weights for July.

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Australian ...	9 1	9 5	9 7	9 7	8 11	9 4	9 7	9 7
Cape ...	8 1	8 5	8 7	8 7	7 11	8 4	8 7	8 7
Country-bred ...	6 6	7 5	7 7	7 7	6 0	7 2	7 6	7 7
Arabs ...	5 6	6 5	6 7	6 7	5 0	6 2	6 6	6 7

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Cape ...	7 9	8 3	8 6	8 7	7 7	8 2	8 6	8 7
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Australian ...	8 6	9 1	9 6	9 7	8 5	9 0	9 6	9 7
Cape ...	7 6	8 1	8 6	8 7	7 5	8 0	8 6	8 7
Country-bred ...	5 1	6 8	7 4	7 7	4 12	6 6	7 3	7 7
Arabs ...	4 1	5 8	6 4	6 7	3 12	5 6	6 3	6 7

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TIGER-SHOOTING IN CENTRAL INDIA.

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more. But give me the quiet of the deep jungle shade where, far from the busy haunts of men, I may in peace ponder on the glories of nature, and learn many a lesson from her ever-varying face. How deep and solemn is the silence of the dense forest, about the hour of noon when all the jungle denizens have retired to their favorite haunts in its leafy depths. The very birds have hushed their cheery songs; the cricket ceased to hum; there is not a breath to stir a leaf; and, save, perchance, some restless stone lizard ever on the move, all nature appears dead. Even my veteran pachyderms appear to remember that at this hour, before cruel man, by art and cunning, lured them into the fatal enclosure, which resulted in capture, it was their practice to stand fanning themselves leisurely at this hour. Some few are fortunate enough to obtain shelter under a spreading banyan tree.

their heads and backs with the refuse grass and reeds placed before them for a meal. I raise my voice, and dear old "Shamroop" turns, and lifting his trunk sniffs the air to ascertain whether that call is for bread and *ghoor*. "Zoe! zoe! Shamroop!" I call. The *mahout* loosens the rope confining him, and my pet leaves his temporary picket and walks majestically towards me, looking askance now and then, to see that the *mahout* is not following to urge him back. A *chuppatee*, a few of which are always in the howdah, I place in his huge mouth, and stroking fondly the spotted centre of his noble head, signal him to go back. At such a time I love to lie in the deep shade of some venerable patriarch of the forest, or under the shadow of some hoary rock, and plan the morrow's chase. My followers are summoned. First comes Cummees, the African boy, my faithful and attached attendant since he was quite a baby, having received him direct from the steamer which captured the slaver conveying his tribe for sale in markets where they are valued. Cummees is a keen sportsman, and his devotion to me is unbounded. My guns are his favorites, and he never tires of wiping the dust from off them. Then follows Sooltan, a Mogul (Persian) by birth. Several years he remained with my family in Scotland. Then there are Bhoomiah, Fazul Ally, Lutcheeram, Lutchiah, Cheennaramah, Bahuunnah, Ghalib Saib, Linga, Bianah, Lutchmon, Shaik Chand, Dillawur Ally, all good *shikaris*. They have preceded me and are ready with news of localities where sport is likely to be had. Pickets are out in every direction, and the morrow is eagerly awaited. I lie calmly viewing these staunch allies; may be the thread of fancy will lead me again through the success of the past. Again I am with the friends of my hot youth as we stalk the noble sambhur, or lordly bull bison, or, mounted on goodly steeds (Don Caesar was my favorite's name), we dash over hill and dale, through mountain torrents, and down the rocky steep, as neck and neck we follow some glorious Deccan boar or monster bruin in the reckless rivalry of "first spear." Or once again, perchance, we roam along Godavery's bank and strive by "gentle craft" to lure the wily mahseer from the deep seclusion of his rocky pool. Again a sigh will heave the breast, and a tear will dim the eye, as the mind recalls those dear and valued friends of our early years, who have passed away, some killed on the battle field, and others in death struggles with the wild denizens of the forest. With

them we can never more tread the jungle path. In reveries such as these how often have I wiled the passing hours, till old Sol's lengthening shadows once more restore life to the jungle solitudes, and again the game is afoot, and the hunters on his track. And now comes Moothiah, who has served me faithfully for many past years, having been in the service of my family when I came to India nearly thirty years ago. "*Humnam thyar hy Saib*"—refreshing call. It is to announce that the tub is ready. Into it I plunge, grateful for the cooling sensations which spread over me while so immersed. Wearing the lightest of costumes, I sally forth from my tent to sit under the green *shameedah* which is pitched in front. No carriage is likely to pass laden with fair occupants to necessitate my retiring. I am alone in my glory. Night steals on, and one by one the *shikaris* return with such information as they may have gathered while visiting the pickets. The morning however is the exciting time. At dawn the *shikaris* have again departed to their posts, while I leisurely clothe myself for the day's hoped-for proceedings. Guns are brought out; cartridges examined; Cummees gives them all a final wipe; they are then placed in their covers, and we eagerly watch the horizon for the expected troopers. Cocoa is brought, and this with a hard biscuit or two is my first meal. I am too far for mangoes and ice. An institution, now seldom seen, is the old cooler of former years. One accompanied me. He entered my service in March 1847, and many high officials whose names are familiar to readers of *Indian History*—Metcalf, Byam Martin, Stewart, Fraser, Low, Bushby, Davidson, and Malcolm—have drunk beverages cooled by Emam Bux. This worthy's services on the occasion of some of the Sleeman family being poisoned at Jubbulpur, about the year 1848 or so, were in great request. Late at night the Doctor sent to me for him to cool water for the patients. They, brother and sister, happily recovered. In the days of my youth he was my *factotum*, and in Scindiah's preserves, as well as those of other chiefs, in the old days, when the Sangor and Nerbudda territories had an Agent for the Governor-General established in them whose A. D. C. I was, Emam Bux often held a spare gun for DECCAN RANGER when shooting there. He is now an old man; but work is light. His cunning he has not forgotten, and the liquor is placed before me even more refreshing than when iced. The flavor is

retained, which a free use of the colder articles spoils to some extent. One more faithful follower completes my establishment—Chinniah. He was present at Madras when I landed a griff, and still clings to his old master—faithful until death. His privilege is to bring me my first cup of tea. Many a cold night has this poor old man passed, when following my Rissallah 40 or 50 miles on a *dour* in hot pursuit of Tantia Topee and other mutineers in Central India. The riding camel was entrusted to him, and a pack behind contained all the necessities for a day's meal for self and horse, while over it lay the blankets to be used in case of our halting for a few hours. I was a strong rider on those days. 350 miles that same camel carried me in 5 days, and frequently I have taken him in 3 or 4 days a distance of 200 miles. "Every dog has his day." No longer do I ride 50 miles in 4 hours. Times have changed, and so have I. The sylph-like figure of former years, where is it? 17 stone and a half I last weighed. This is 1 stone less than 2 years ago, perhaps for a 6 feet 5 inches I am not too heavy; but it is too much to expect a horse to carry one up to pig!! I am content. The excitement of walking Shamroop through jungle in which the tiger lurks is quite sufficient. He too, dear noble fellow! has just come round to take his morning meal. Half his rations are given at night, and half in the morning, and then returning to his picket he selects all the daintiest parts of his reeds for an early meal. Shamroop is never sent for *Charah*. Another elephant brings his supply. He is retained to bear the battle's brunt alone. And now the time arrives for troopers to shew themselves. One always accompanies each set of hunters to their respective pickets. I see a trooper in the distance; but he is moving slowly, sure sign that he is not conveying good news. A voice whispers "*howar dhowratha atha*" a trooper is galloping. No mistake about it "*gharah hooa*," he is barely able to gasp as he suddenly reins up his horse, and all he can do is to sit him, as the animal is capering about not relishing the sight of the spread-out tiger skins. Again another trooper "*gharah hooa*." Hurrah! Hurrah! Fair prospects of sport for the next day or two. And now the cry is raised, elephants to the front! Only two approach the tents; these are privileged to carry the *howdahs*. Mine is placed on Shamroop, and a second on Pailwan. Slowly the larger ones proceed to the vicinity of

the kill, while I follow soon after on one of the smaller fellows. Beaters are all ready, and this is the daily routine.

Now, while penning the above lines, two little bears are playing at my feet—the most comical animals. They are a month old, and were taken from the mother two or three weeks ago. They suck up milk readily from a saucer, and are much attached to a small boy who has charge of them. A young tiger too gambols near me; but I keep him separate from the bears, as he might kill them if not watched. The tiger's cub, if he sees a sheep, always runs at it. He cannot do much harm at present. I am now on the opposite side of the hills to that near which I was encamped during last Christmas week, facing directly north. On my left flank is the River Kistna, and on my right the range of hills terminate. It is my intention to work round to my old ground, as I never left the village where I was encamped, and beyond several more tigers were reported. Leaving my station on the afternoon of the 1st on a nine months' furlough, a part of which I proposed passing in pursuits so pleasant to me, I dawdled 80 miles, pulling up during the heat of the day from 11 until 5 P. M. At 5 P. M. I mounted Jackal and rode him until dark, when dismounting I took dinner consisting of cold curry and rice. 1 A. M. saw me in camp where I was welcomed by my several followers enumerated above. Cummees, the African boy, grinning from ear to ear informed me that he had shot a "rabbit for master." It was necessary to explain to my attached follower that master would have been pleased had he not done so, as it is better to leave hares alone at this season, and allow breeding to go on. Sooltan Mahomed announced two *gharahs* the night before, and that a tiger had approached others without killing. Late as it was I plunged into my refreshing tub, and so relieved myself after many miles of dusty travelling. Dinner was ready; but having no appetite for any further meal, I turned in for the night. The spot is a picturesque one decidedly. I am pitched on the north banks of the river. A very broad one it must be in the rains, and falls into the River Kistna, distant about five miles. Water is collected by digging holes in the sand. Even now a party is at work filling the *mashaks* and *pachals* to accompany the expected beat. It is unfortunate I was not here yesterday. Occasionally tigers leaving vicinity of kill betake themselves to caves or dense jungles, and there lay up after they have gorged themselves. Doubtless

in America you find the real hunter and so again in Africa the dusky race depend almost entirely upon the chase for food, securing ivory, skins, and horns for the purpose of trade. Here in India true sportsmen abound. These are mostly Britishers who go in for it out of pure excitement. I do not call it sport to tempt animals into a walled enclosure as is the practice with some of the chiefs of this country. Deer and other beasts are so collected, and they then proceed to slaughter them. Jung Bahadoor is really a thorough sportsman; but he commands an army and a thousand elephants. His hunting is on a grand scale. I cannot but admire the British boy's pluck, who, without an elephant or other material assistance, proceeds with perhaps a companion or two, to follow on foot the chase in India. This we have all done, at least those who are as keen for sport as I am. At home deer-stalking has its attractions; but I cannot help telling a story, giving the particulars exactly as I heard them related to a gentleman, who sat in the same compartment of a Railway carriage with me, when I was travelling last October from Inverness to Perth. On the party, who described how he shot deer, leaving the carriage, the gentleman to whom he had addressed himself entered into conversation with me, and I laughingly told him that I had not been asleep, but had listened to him and his friend talking. "No friend of mine," he said. "He is a perfect stranger to me." I commenced then on the subject; but at that moment the train stopped and our conversation was interrupted. The gentleman very kindly handed over to me a bottle of champagne and a grouse stating that further on he would alight and be in time for supper with the people he was going to stay with. I know nothing so miserable as to attempt a meal on a cold winter's afternoon when perhaps the train is somewhat late, and you have only a few minutes to consume it in. The grouse and champagne were particularly acceptable; I could eat and drink at leisure. The subject of the stranger's discourse was deer-shooting, and he described how he managed to get his. I should say this party must have been a wealthy man. The gentleman was very glad to hear that I had listened to the description as he laughingly remarked "How that man ever believes himself to be a sportsman I cannot understand." It is to be hoped that others do not resort to the same means to get their deer. First we heard that he sent up from his park

in the south a lot of hinds, these were turned loose in the forest in order that the bucks might follow them down to the neighbourhood of cultivation where apparently this gentleman generally succeeded in bagging his animal. He had seen the bucks so tame that the grain for the plough-horses which was left at the edge of the fields was sometimes consumed by the deer, and on one occasion a buck was seen going off with the nose bag hanging to his antlers, the animal being apparently unable to get rid of it. From the game-keeper's lodge he often got a shot. This is a fact, sir. And now for the diary again.

The first day I went out I was unsuccessful. My old ground across the hills is only 3 miles distant, and the tigers reported here appear to have crossed over, and I have determined therefore to move to my old ground. It will take me several marches to arrive there, as I must go round to the entrance of the valley. The road over the hills is impracticable to elephants and carts. Several tigers are reported there, and I hope therefore to give a good account of them. Cummees has gone off with my rod to try for fish. The bearers brought me a fine dish of large fresh water prawns, and as this is a mountain river, and there are no dead Hindoos for the fish to feed upon, I shall certainly have my prawns converted into curry, the best way to eat them. Two sides of my tent are covered with *cuscus tatties*, so I am quite cool. Thermometer all yesterday remained at 80° inside. I have not been so fortunate as I expected. There have been several kills; but the ravines are numerous, and extend over so many miles that it is difficult to drive them properly. I started one tiger on the 9th, but he did not come near my post. On the 10th we tracked a large tiger into a ravine, and I beat it, but at the other end and right at the summit the marks were discovered shewing that the animal had left again. Occasional disappointment only makes one the more keen for sport I think.

(To be continued.)

RECORDS OF SPORT IN THE GUDDUM AND
GOLCONDAH HILLS.

By F. T. P.

(Concluded from page 8 of the Magazine for
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I HAD but one villager with me besides my *shikari*, and he funk'd to go alone to the lick ! the other man had gone for the pony. He wanted to take a beaten pathway, but I forced him to go through the jungle, and very soon we saw heaps of quite fresh marks, there was very good wooded cover all round ; and as soon as we got to the bamboo jungle that fringed the lick, we heard bison moving about in it, but they had twigged us too ; I looked through the bamboos down the hollow and first saw a young bull to the right, and another much larger to the left. There were others moving about but I could not see them. I took a shot at the bull to the left ; he plunged forward and fell at once ; a general skedaddle took place, but I could not see a beast ; so I ran down the bank and passed the bull, who got up and looked very viciously at me ; but the blood was pouring from his side like water from the spout of a kettle, so I passed on after the herd. I came upon them very soon, but they saw us and went headers down a *nullah* 50 feet deep with nearly perpendicular banks, and only three or four feet wide at the bottom, along the bed of which they ran. I did not take the trouble to go after them.

Returning to the lick the bull was dead :—the third bison killed with the Express with one ball each. He was probably a five-year-old bull. I cut off his head, but it was a very poor one. Got home by 12. Heavy rain for the rest of the day. Men reported spotted deer about, but I did not care to get wet again, and would not go out. Pea-fowl roost in the trees under which my tent is pitched. I had sent back my shot gun and would not be at the trouble of firing at them with ball. Lots of pea-fowl about everywhere. I often put up jungle fowl. There are lots of painted partridges about ; and a large variety of quail, with a white mark on its head, is very common.

Tuesday, 29th.—Moved to Chintapilly *via* Ramsinghee where Peeler told me I should find bison. We had to go through a very game-looking country and had some bad *nullahs*, swollen by the late rains, to cross. In one of these I got a very bad fall and hurt my elbow and hip but saved the rifle. We had to go past several villages where there were the usual amount of old women and children. Pea-fowl very plentiful. We crossed a spur of a range 4350 feet high and then descended to Ramsinghee, which consists of *one house*. I had my tent pitched here, and left it in charge of the villagers. I took one of the three villagers here and the peeler, and went to look for bison. The country had not been disturbed, but it was in this neighbourhood I had seen the big bull on the 19th. I was rather late, as it was past ten when we started. I was stiff and sore from my fall. The licks were the best I have seen and appeared to be much frequented; we crossed the first and went along parallel to it, and heard a bison moving along its bed. We hurried forward, recrossed it, and after ascending the opposite bank, the peeler drew back and pointed down. I stepped forward, and there within 10 yards of me was an immense bison, just getting into a trot, preparatory to a bolt; the jungle was bamboo but pretty open. The game below me half way down the *nullah* side. I threw the Express down and with a quick aim fired; the beast rushed forward; I ran down after him; at a bend he ascended the bank, and had I remained quiet, I should have got good shots at 20 yards; he was close to the peeler who asked if he might fire. I said yes. I could not see the brute myself, the peeler let his opportunity go, and we lost the beast; we did not get a drop of blood. I must have either made a clean miss or the beast must have bled internally. Even if I had shut my eyes, I can't conceive how I could miss such a monster at such close quarters; but he got away and more's the pity! We then went a long way without seeing or hearing anything, but getting into an open forest, we heard a slight noise to the right, and going towards it saw a solitary bison feeding. As I was stalking it carefully, it disappeared. I thought it had gone deeper into the forest, but on approaching nearer, saw that it had lain down. It is wonderful how difficult it is to see anything of a bison lying down but his horns! I got to within 15 or 16 paces, but all I could see was his horns and forehead, but whether he was facing me or sideways.

I could not tell. The grass was four feet long and quite sufficient to hide the whole of his body. I fired for the forehead; up the bull jumped and ran off apparently none the worse. My second shot caught him too far back. We followed and saw at once that my first ball had missed the brain, but had gone through the head and lower jaw, probably breaking the latter to bits, as blood and saliva was pouring from his mouth; his wound in the side too, shewed thick clotted blood, and though we put him up again several times, we never saw him; and as it was getting late, and we a long way from Chintapilly, we had to leave him, and I fear he died a lingering death. Making for the tract which serves in these parts for a road leading to Chintapilly, a three parts grown bull jumped up right in front of the peeler; I jumped on one side to get a shot, but the peeler dodged the same way, and I was very nearly blowing his brains out! The bison got away untouched. We got to the bungalow at 4½ P. M. in pelting rain. I had been on my legs and wet through since 4 A. M., so I had about enough of it, disgusted with my bad shooting to-day. This is the first time the Express has failed me, and I fancy it was my own fault not holding it straight; better luck next time.

Wednesday, 30th.—Rain all night and all day. I feel very seedy and am sore all over and scarcely able to crawl about; I find I hurt myself more than I thought when I fell on the rocks yesterday. I have badly bruised the hip-joint, and a nasty pain about the groin; hope I have not ruptured myself. Even if there had been no rain, I could not have gone out; so am glad of the excuse to take a rest. I have nothing to read; I sent all the books back as they are so heavy to carry about, and all I have is an old *Field*, and that I have waded through from beginning to end several times. One of my *shikaris* goes out and reports that there is a solitary bull close by, and a small herd, and that a tiger is growling about the jungles near where P. killed his last cow. Tigers are very scarce on the hills; scarcely any leopards or panthers; no hyænas but few jackals; I never heard any. No wolves, very few hares, jungle dogs occasionally. Bison and sambur in great numbers, a few spotted deer and the four-horned antelope. I doubt if the true muntjac is found there. Buffaloes are found about 30 miles off, and occasionally the *burra singha* or as we used to call them marsh deer in Assam.

Thursday, 31st.—Still pouring with rain; looks as if it would never clear off, but it did leave off about 3, and at 4 I went out with P.'s *shikari*. We came on the tracks of the big bull close to the nearest lick and followed it up through bamboo fringing the banks of the *nullah*. At 5½ P. M. we came upon it suddenly, but though only about 6 or 8 paces off, the grass and bushes were so thick, that all I could see was one horn but that a whopper! I had nothing to fire at, yet the *shikari* urged me to fire. I took one step forward, a loss of the mighty head, the usual snort, and the beast disappeared. As I was under the impression he had not seen but only smelt us, I would not follow him up, and we had not half an hour of day-light left, so we trudged back home, which we reached about dark. Felt very ill when I got home. Liver as usual, and all my powders for it spoilt by the damp.

Friday, 1st September.—Rained all night, but cleared up towards day-light; so I went out to the nearest lick, and sure eno' our friend of yesterday evening had been there very early, so he could not have been much alarmed; took up his spoor and he led us a pretty chase; he must have known we were after him. He had lain down here and there, but never for long, and he went over the worst ground he could find, up one of the steepest hills and down the other side, disturbing in so doing another bull. As it seemed hopeless following up the first, I took up the trail of the second, but he led me a pretty dance too. I went on till 12, and then dead beat went home, where I found the two Anterla men with news that a large herd of bison had again visited their *dhan khets*, and that they were lying down not far from their village, but I was too tired and ill to go out again, but promised to look them up next day.

Saturday, 2nd.—Started early on my pony and rode nearly to Anterla, where I met the men. They had not been to look for tracks and did not know where the bison were; so we wandered about a good while without seeing any fresh marks; at last we came across them, and the bison were making for the top of Sambur Hills, the highest peak visible. We followed through grass six and eight feet long, and on the second spur saw the herd feeding, but the grass was so long we could only see their backs, heads and horns. I crawled after them, but they made as much if not more progress than we did, so at the end of half an hour I was no nearer. Some young calves to our left, not seen by us,

took the alarm and galloped away, and this put the herd on the *qui vive*, who made their way right up the Hill which towers a good 1500 feet over the surrounding country. Looking across the valley we saw a solitary bison under a tree, but to get at him we had to make a long *detour*. In doing this we came on a bear's cave, with Bruin inside, but there was no getting at him, and we left him undisturbed in the hopes of making his acquaintance another day. It is evidently his regular abode. The bison never let us get within quarter of a mile of him, and we saw him disappear and reappear in the long distance for some considerable time. I then went to Anterla, breakfasted and visited two other licks, but saw nothing; so walked home and got there at four. A fine day for a wander, and the sun actually shining. Feel a little better.

Sunday, 3rd.—Sent the greater part of my things off to Lumsingi; taking but a few with me to Ramsinghee, I went across country, but saw nothing till I reached the salt lick near which on the 17th ultimo I had killed two cows, and then I was saluted by a perfect babel of snorting and invisible bison bolting; at last a cow exposed herself and the Express brought her down at once at a good 80 yards off. I then heard a great struggling in the lick and two other bison bolted out of it, but gave no shot. We followed the herd for some way but could find no traces of them, so returning to the lick, from the top of a low hill I saw a bison below; this time I took the big rifle right barrel spherical, left shell. I fired too low with the right, but the left caught her in the ribs, but she ran on. There was no blood for the first 150 yards, after that a drop here and there, and we lost her tracks in some rocky ground. On examining the dead cow, I found she was one I had wounded on the 18th ultimo. The last shot I fired that day was at a cow standing chest on, and I found the ball instead of hitting her fairly in the chest had caught her on the outside of the left fore-arm, ploughing through the flesh and muscles for about a foot and then making its exit. Not much harm done; the wound was healing. I shot at this beast a good 15 miles off in quite another direction on the 18th ultimo, so it shews that bison wander about a good deal. I got to my tent at 10, and found letters waiting for me, begging me to return home; by this time my boots had nearly come to an end. I could not have stayed out much longer; the constant wetting day after day had quite rotted them.

I sent to Nursipatam to order bearers to be laid for me and made arrangements for starting on the morrow. At 4 P.M. I started under the guidance of peeler and the same villiager; they took us through frightful jungle but I requested them to get out of that, which they reluctantly did. We got into open tree jungle, with grass about 5 feet high and bushes and so on. We saw a solitary bull feeding about 100 yards off. By careful stalking I got to within 20 yards and sat down. The bison was tail on to me. After resting 5 or 8 minutes I got up; the bull was a monster, totally unconscious of my vicinity, and I took two cool deliberate pots at him, both raking shots with the Express, with $5\frac{1}{2}$ drs. of powder. On receiving the shots the bull sprang forward about 10 yards; his hind quarters appeared to give under him, and he reeled as if about to fall. The second rifle had been handed to me, but I would not fire, saying "he is done for" when the peeler let drive, hit him in the bottom. This seemed to give him new life; he recovered himself, and off he went full score, and I never saw him again! All this time a 150 yards further, there was a large herd of bison feeding and they took not the least notice of the shots or the noise we made in talking and searching for the bull. We had not the least idea they were there; presently we saw them and I crept as near to them as I could about 80 yards off and then sat down, two cows kept constantly looking in our direction, so I could not move from the place I was in. I had only a bush in front of me. I sat here for half an hour, and it was getting dark, hoping the herd would go on feeding and let me creep up to them, but it was useless trying to get over the vigilance of those two cows who kept sentry over us. At last a large bull joined the herd and exposed his shoulder at 100 yards. It took a careful shot with the Express and the whole herd with the bull bolted. Thinking I had again made a mess of it, I did not hurry after them, but the peeler did and called out blood, and he came on the bull down and immediately fired into his chest. The cloth he had used as a wad sticking and burning in the wound! but the brute was quite dead, a really fine bull, not old, as his horns were not truncated, but they were long and massive; and he, for these hills, of good bulk; I measured him as well as I could, he must have stood about $17\frac{1}{2}$ hands high, which Forsyth says is about the size of the big bulls in the Mahadeo Hills, but which would be the size of a

middling cow in Burmah ! The bison in these parts and our Eastern Possessions, are very dissimilar. Those in Burmah have much longer heads and noses inclined to the Roman ; they have little or no hair on them, look as if they had been shaved, their dorsal ridge commences far further back, within a span of their loins.

The bison in these hills have a much shorter head and the nose is not inclined to the Roman at all, they are covered with pretty long hair, particularly on the hilly the dorsal ridge is not nearly so prominent nor so large, and it commences about the middle of the back ; they do not stand as high, nor is their bulk anything like that of those killed in Burmah. I have no doubt there are a few with as fine heads and as colossal as those in Burmah, but as a race I should say they were a smaller variety. We got to the tent about 7, a fine day and a bright moon-light.

Monday, 4th.—Sent things on to Lumsinghee and had a try after the bison again ; but, though we searched all the jungles, we did not see the ghost of a bison nor any fresh marks. Coming home saw a jungle sheep ; it was standing about 50 yards off in long grass and all I could see was just the head ; guessing for the shoulder, I fired the Express, but the little deer bounded away ! On going up to the spot we however saw lots of blood and followed up for a quarter of a mile and then started it again, perfectly lively. I took a snap shot and hitting it as it was galloping away, cut it nearly in two ! The first shot had cut one of the front legs all but clean off at its junction with the body, an inch higher and it would have been shot through the heart. I breakfasted at Ramsinghee and reached Lumsinghee about 4½ P. M. I sent the bull's head to be stuffed, into Nursipatam. It rained all night and next morning till 10 A. M. I then started for Kondescenta down the ghat and reached Nursipatam at 5 P. M., and starting next day at 12 reached Vizianagram at 12 on the 7th. It will be seen that the results of the trip were not much ; the time of year was against us, the rain incessant, the grass too long and the old bulls too scattered. Any amount of cows and calves might have been slaughtered if we had confined our attention to them ; we might no doubt have killed a good many, but it is a shame to shoot them, and I only shot *one* knowing it to be a cow. I shot two others but believed them both to be bulls when I fired at them ; it is not easy to distinguish

cows and bulls at any distance. Now for the rifles. They were made for me by C. and D. Scott, have Purdey's snap action and are beautifully finished, the locks in particular are very good. The best that can be made, the 12-bore, weighs 10lbs. 4 oz.; the Express. 577 weighs 10lbs. 1 oz. The former takes five drams of powder for a spherical and only four drams for a conical, the Express 5½ drams for an oz. hollow, hardened bullet. I have tried neither at a mark, but I believe both to be accurate. I fired with the 12-bore this trip:—

- 1 shot at 100 yards with shell at bison, result death.
- 3 shots at long distances at 3 bison, slight wounds each.
- 1 shot at 60 yards at bison, hit but lost.

Express.

- 1 shot at bison, result death, cow, distance 50 yards.
- 1 " ditto bull, " 200 "
- 1 " ditto bull, " 50 "
- 1 " ditto cow, " 80 "
- 1 " ditto bull, " 100 "
- 2 shots at 2 spotted deer, death, 1 stag and 1 doe, distance 100 yards each.
- 2 " 4-horned antelope, death, doe, distance 50 yards.
- 1 shot at bison, 10 yards, no result.
- 2 shots at bison 20 " "
- 2 shots at 1 bison lying down, 20 yards, shot through body and head, lost.
- 1 " 1 antelope, 120 yards, hit but lost.

I thus fired 15 shots with the Express and five with the large, killed three cows, three bulls bison, one stag, one doe spotted deer, one doe four-horned antelope, and lost seven bison and one antelope. The Express killed five bison and two spotted deer with one ball each, but made some terrible messes at short distances, but if held straight I believe it will kill any thing from an elephant downwards at any thing like a decent distance.

CRUMBS FROM A SHIKARI'S TABLE.

BY GIM CRACK.

SWEET, secluded, shady Sahar, if ever I forget thee, let my right hand forget its cunning. The happy hours passed in hunting wild animals in thy primeval forests, have above all endeared me to the place the memory of which can neither be erased nor yield in point of interest to any other. Name, one in all Bengal, a village so picturesquely situated, and I will hold my peace for evermore. Pleasantly overhanging the banks of a fair stream, it lies nestled in a quiet hollow,

‘Bosom’d high in tufted trees.’

It is situated at the junction of two rivers which, although of diminutive size in the dry season, swell beyond all proportion at the height of the rains, when their surface presents one unbroken mass of boiling water which rages and foams continually night and day, in its onward course, to meet the Dhullesserie near Chanda Champta. The heavy surf and the strong current owing to the accretion of a large volume of water from the Jaboona, a branch of the Brahmapootra, render their navigation a source of danger to the country-trading boats, numbers of which are annually sacrificed to the fury of their waves, though inland steamers can with perfect ease ride on the broad expanse of her bosom, thus shortening the journey between Goalundo and the richest mart in Eastern Bengal, by several hours. In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries of the Christian era, this obscure hamlet resounded with the din of battle array and was the scene of numerous encounters between the army of the Moghul Emperors and their turbulent Afghan subjects who had retreated to this nook and corner of Bengal all the way from their native land to avoid the persecution of their conquerors. Discipline and numbers however ultimately prevailed, and these hardy mountaineers were, after fruitless attempts to maintain their independence, compelled to break themselves up into several clans and migrate in small bodies to other parts of the country. What were once the battle-fields of two contending races, contesting on the one side for conquest and on the other for liberty, are now converted

partly into dense jungles, and partly into deserted heaths, the solitary quietness of which is disturbed by the roaring of tigers, or broken by the shrill cry of the golden plover. Where four centuries back Greeks met Greeks in deadly strife for life or for death, the tiger and the buffalo now range unmolested.

Within an easy distance of Jehangirnugger, once a famous town in the history of the Province, Sabar possesses great attractions for the lover of sport of every description. The forests of which I write extend from within a few yards of the village to the highlands of Bhowal, with but slight breaks of cultivated patches of land. While the denizens of the jungle may be safely counted upon to gratify the nobler aspirations of the more daring Nimrods, the sugar-cane fields on the outskirts, which at one time used to be infested with sounder of hogs, offer a tempting field for lovers of the chase, and even the humbler cravings of a pretty good snipe shot may be satisfied by a bag of thirty to forty brace of snipes daily, provided he keeps his weather-eye open, and his gun does not shoot round the corner. The inhabitants of the village like those of the generality of the rural districts in Bengal are of a mixed calling, with the fishing element preponderating owing to its peculiar position. Two or three establishments for iron-works are also to be seen. Rudely constructed anchors for native crafts are manufactured here as well. The clang of the hammer, as the blacksmith is engaged at the forge, charmingly breaks the monotony and quiet stillness of the noon-tide hour. But the place has an enviable reputation, from the fact of its being the residence of a well-known *kobiraj*, or Bengali physician, at whose gate the halt, the lame, and the blind congregate from all parts of the surrounding country to seek the benefits of the healing art. The fame of his nostrums has travelled far and wide, and the imagination of his ignorant patients has in no small degree contributed to endow them with supernatural powers. Here lies the secret of his great fame and wealth. The foregoing description of Sabar faithfully depicts the state of the country at the time of which I write. That some minor changes have crept over its face during the last fifteen years or more I have no reason to doubt, but in the main the description will be found to be perfectly accurate. The jungle, as I have somewhere remarked, being unusually dense, it has been for a long time impervious to the feet of

man. This is not the only difficulty he has to contend against. The brushwood being composed of a tangled mass of the prickly cane and small stunted trees, it tries the patience of any but the most determined wood-cutter. The former offers a cool retreat not only to tigers and other specimens of the genus *ferox*, but harbours monstrous serpents as well. Obstacles such as these are neither few nor easily overcome. But in the long run nothing damps the ardour of man when armed with perseverance and patience. In his endeavours to reclaim wild tracts incessant contests are, as a matter of necessity, carried on between him and his natural enemies, the denizens of the forest; and although a few of the former generally succumb to brute force, yet are always victorious at the end, and the latter are ultimately compelled to retire from the field yielding the palm to the apparently weaker, but in reality the stronger, foe. Cultivation is daily making encroachments on the preserves of the sportsman, and although his field of operations have doubtless been circumscribed within narrower limits within the last decade or more, the jungles are yet stored with wild game sufficient to satisfy even the most fastidious.

It was in the spring of 186—that the haps and mishaps which I am about to relate took place. Nature had then put on her best and gayest appearance, and the inner world within me found a ready sympathy in the outer world. Those were the halcyon days of manhood, when the morning of my life was yet unchecquered by a single streak of cloud—

“Stars of that night from which he had emerged
Seemed still reflected in his young soul's sky,
Bright visions of a former life remained
Brilliant, but indistinct like fading dreams;
Music and voices of lost fairy-land
Hung in his ears, making earth's harsher tones
Seem hideously discordant, like the mirth of devils.”

Time, however, has not dealt leniently with me since, and the furrows on my cheeks too plainly indicate the stormy period of middle age. Before proceeding to go into the details of the excursion, it would be as well to describe the circumstances preceding the events, and to give a short account of the jolly set who composed the party. Well, it was thus brought about. The treasured little wife of my bosom, the faithful partner of my joys and sorrows, to

whom I owe every thing that is worth recording in my chequered career, having indiscreetly exposed herself to the night-air immediately after child-birth, was laid low with a sharp attack of *peritonitis*. After hanging between life and death for several weeks, her medical advisers recommended a change of climate, and as she was in too prostrate a condition to undertake a sea-voyage, it was decided to remove her to Calcutta in the first instance, and then await the progress of the disease. To suggest and act upon it was the work of a few hours. On the day following our arrival at our destination, a telegraphic message was handed to me. It was from a late brother of mine, and ran thus : "What the d——l are you doing in Calcutta? Galavanting with your old flame, eh? Come down sharp. Thirteen elephants ready to take the field. Glorious sport expected." This was enough. I lost no time in telegraphing to the manji of the pinnace that had brought us to Kooshtea to look out for me by the afternoon train. My sporting tog, which were always kept handy in a separate portmanteau, and a travelling matrass were the only outfit required for the occasion, as my magnificent battery of rifles, guns, revolvers, and pistols were left behind with my brother; consequently, there was no necessity for losing much time over any prolonged preparation. After swallowing a hurried breakfast, and receiving an assurance from the first medical man in Calcutta that my invalid wife was in a fair way of getting convalescent, and had tided over the critical stage of the disease, I took leave of her, who was in tears at the disappointment, for she had fully expected to accompany me in this excursion as she had often done on previous occasions. I jumped into a carriage and drove down to Sealdah in time to catch the early morning train. Good Dame Fortune threw in my way as a fellow passenger a German tea-planter, named F——e, who was on his way to his garden at Cachar. Before we had travelled to the next halting station we were fast friends. Time, however, would have hung very heavy on our hands, but for the presence of a Bengali Baboo, a genuine specimen of the type of Young Bengal, who came armed with a copy of John Stuart Mill's *Analysis of Sir William Hamilton's Philosophy*. From the moment he entered the compartment in which we had taken our seats he opened a fire of jaw-breaking words, which disclosed at once the hollow nature of our friend's attainments in metaphysics. But what amused us beyond

every thing else was his rendering of the word 'causality,' which he invariably pronounced as 'casualty.' This was too much even for the mercurial Teuton, who invariably went into fits of laughter each time the mistake was repeated. The longest day, says the homely adage, will come to an end, and when the pseudo-metaphysician wished us 'goo-o-o-o-d evening,' although it was barely noon, and left us to alight at a roadside station, we made up our minds that the day's fun was over. On reaching Kooshtea I found that every thing had been arranged to our satisfaction. After a hurried replenishing of the inner man, we bid adieu to the kind Norwegian Manager of the G. E. H. Refreshment Rooms, and repaired to the boat. As Herr F——e was travelling in the same direction as I was going, and there was ample room in the pinnace, I offered to take him part of the way, a proposal which he accepted with the heartiest good will. Early on the morning of the third day after our departure we experienced very bad weather, which culminated in a heavy squall, and although every precaution that prudence could dictate was taken to ensure our safety, we found when the storm had subsided that our anchors had been dragged backwards some two hundred yards or thereabouts, without however snapping the chains or any other mishap occurring to mar the pleasantness of the journey. As we were being towed down the river, a number of wrecks of native crafts passed us with the tide. At last by eleven o'clock A. M. we were near enough Sabar to discern the forms of the elephants looming in the distance, quietly browsing their fodder. The next object that attracted my attention was a white streak on the ground in striking contrast with the greenness of the grass growing round about. It struck me at once that the tent put up for our reception must have been knocked down in the squall, as there was not a tree or any other shelter to screen it from the fury of the wind. Visions of splintered glasses, crockery-ware, and furniture, rose before my mind's eye as I surveyed the sorry scene. On looking through a pair of binoculars I saw a *girdawari*, or long boat, pulling hard towards us. While yet at a couple hundred yards away from the pinnace, my brother waved his handkerchief, followed by three cheers from the rest of the party. We too attempted a response, but the exposure to the storm had made us as hoarse as frogs, and after an abortive effort or so had to give it up as a bad job. By-and-bye

they boarded the pinnace, and my worst fears had been realized. Not a glass or piece of crockery-ware, or furniture, was saved from the wreck of the tent. My friends barely escaped with their lives and a whole skin. By all accounts the crash of the poles as they came down was something terrific, and had they (my friends and not the poles) not taken timely warning and retreated to the boat before the catastrophe, it would have ended tragically for at least some of them. As it was I congratulated them on their good fortune, and after wishing a farewell to my newly acquired friend, whom no amount of palavering or temptations of a camp life could persuade to pass a few days with us in the jungle, we landed on *terra firma*, and commenced putting every thing into a ship-shape style. Of course, my brother had on the morning of this unfortunate occurrence sent off a man to Jehangirnuggur for a fresh supply of the articles the late storm had deprived us of.

A BOY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS FIRST TIGER.

I THINK it a great pity that the opportunity should be lost of relating of a grand day's sport we had in the Doon district. A college friend of mine asked me out to spend the first week of this month with him.

Well, we set off early on the 3rd after deer; after travelling and roaming about all day, we came to a tree which had been entirely stripped of its bark by a bear (as our guide told us). The whole of that night we endured great hardships: having no tent we had to lie in the open air; about midnight we felt it so very cold that I got up, picked some sticks, and lit a fire, round which both of us, and our guide, sat till morning, when we set out again in a different direction. We had scarcely gone 30 yards, when we saw a magnificent tiger crossing the road. I fired at once and hit him in the back, breaking his spine, my friend immediately seconded the blow, but missed. The tiger then tried to stand up erect, but failing in that he sprang down the hill about 50 yards, then made a dead halt. We both at once fired, one bullet hit him in the shoulder, we fired two more shots which did for him, but not being sure if he was really dead, or only foxing, we rolled large stones

towards him, and advancing very cautiously a little closer we found he was dead. I then measured him and found he was nine feet six inches. Now, one can imagine our delight at getting such a fine beast, and how proud we are of him, considering that we are mere boys (my friend 18 and I 14 years,) and that this was our *very first* shooting excursion. Being also ignorant of the way a person should be mounted when after large game, we went everywhere on foot. Now, I think, this was a *very* hazardous undertaking, and not having had a morsel to eat for more than 24 hours, we began to feel very faint and weak (through hunger) that we asked our guide to cook us some cakes, the good-natured fellow immediately gave us some of his own. I give you this account of our first shooting excursion, word for word, as it happened, and all we went through on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. I do assure you that nothing in the world will induce me to go after tigers again on *foot*. When returning home we saw another fine animal just at the entrance of the Tunnel; he saw us before we had time to fire, so leaped down the end and disappeared into a ravine.

A FIRST TIGER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VARIOUS VERNACULAR DESIGNATIONS OF
THE *SAMBUR*, &c.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I shall endeavour to answer STAG's two queries, and I hope satisfactorily.

As regards his first question :—

"1. Are *Sambur* and *Burra Singha* one and the same animal, called by different names in different parts of India, or are they two distinct species of deer?"

Now, the *Rusa Aristotelis* is usually called *Sambur* in the plains of India, and *Jerrao* in the hills, and *Burra Singha*, or *Bará-Singha*, is generally restricted in Bengal to the Swamp Deer, (*Rucervus Duvancellii*,) and to the Kashmir Stag, (*Cervus Wallichii*,) in that country. So that you were not actually wrong in stating that, "the *Sambur* and *Burra Singha* are two distinct species of deer." But, local names vary considerably in India, and in some parts the *Sambur* is designated *Bará Singha*, simply because it has large horns, and *Mahá*, or "great," on account of its immense size, and which latter name is even at times bestowed upon the Swamp Deer. The latter is known under two distinct designations in the Eastern and Western portions of the Soonderbuns respectively, one of which is *Nal-baniah Harru*, or "Deer of the *Nal*, 'or reed,' jungle," which is its favorite haunt.

Another of your correspondents, R. K., in the February No. of the Magazine, calls the Swamp Deer, the *Gous*; he is, no doubt, perfectly right in applying this vernacular designation to the Swamp Deer, as it may be so called in certain parts of India, but in Eastern Bengal, according to Jerdon, that name is exclusively applied to the *Sambur*.

I may state regarding the relative sizes of the *Sambur*, the Red Deer, and the Swamp Deer, that the average size of full-grown animals of these species would be, respectively, 13, 12 and 11 hands. Thus the *Sambur* would exceed the Red Deer in height, whilst the Swamp Deer would be somewhat smaller.

Yours, &c.,

YOUNG NIMROD.

KEULNA, JESSER.

P. S.—Allow me to tender my hearty thanks to Mr. Veterinary Surgeon HART for his clear elucidation of the moot question regarding worms in horses' eyes ; and I am sure that, all who have anything to do with horse-flesh must be infinitely obliged to him.

Y. N.

RACING QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—At a certain race meeting, Mr. Z. at the lotteries declined to name the horse he declared to run with, stating that his "stable" should be put up and that he would win with the best horse. In his starting declarations he named Mr. Brown as the rider of one of his horses, which we will call Eclipse, and Mr. Jones as the rider of Harkaway, and in this way they were printed on the race-card ; but on going to scale and saddling, the riders were reversed ; the wrong names being previously given to mislead the betting and to favor his (the owner's) own ends. Is such a practice in accordance with Racing Law ? Several people put their money on Eclipse merely from seeing that Mr. Brown, a crack rider, was about to steer him, while they would not have given a copper for Mr. Jones' chance. Of course, the race proved a hollow affair for Harkaway with Brown up.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK.

[There is no Racing Law on the point, but if there is the least reason to suspect an unfair motive in naming riders and then changing them, it is the duty of the Stewards to call on the owner for an explanation ; and if they are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for such a course, they can bar the offender from running horses or riding on the course, and can report the case to the Stewards of the Turf Club.—Ed.]

PROTECTION FROM THORNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—Since the paper on this subject, which appeared in the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* of January, was written, the bandages have been subjected to severe trial with the following results :—The "Shield Bandage" is not suited to ground where water or

irrigated soil have to be crossed; the kree-guard becomes soft and incapable of supporting itself, it requires stays of steel or whalebone to keep it in its place. Any one interested in the matter would not find it difficult to remedy this defect, and I would do it myself; but I am about to proceed to England and have not time for further experiments. Therefore, unless expressly ordered, no more bandages of this pattern will be made. The "Half-shield Bandage" (always my favorite) answered so well as to be well worthy of further trial; though, as is stated in the paper on the subject, it only affords partial protection for the knee, the skin and fetlock are absolutely secured from all chance of injury.

Many men hunt in ordinary bandages which only protect the skin, are penetrable by thorns, and are very liable to unroll; here is a bandage which protects skin and fetlock and cannot unroll.

Your obedient Servant,

ÆGIS.

AHMEDABAD.

BREAST-BANDS INSTEAD OF COLLARS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—I should be obliged if any of your readers, with experience in such matters, could tell me if there is any objection to the use of a breast-band instead of the ordinary collar in harness. I have heard opinions to the effect that the chest band is apt to make a horse chest-bound, affect his action, &c., which the collar by distributing the load or drag fairly over the animal's shoulders avoids.

I have often thought of using the band with a horse that gives trouble in taking the collar, or when it is difficult to get a collar to fit. The band would suit any sized horse.

Yours faithfully,

BLINKERS.

[We never heard of any objection, though breast or chest-bands are generally only used when a collar rubs a horse. If any of our readers know of any objection, perhaps they will kindly state it.—ED.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

HUNTING DEER WITH DEER, AS PURSUED IN THE TIME OF THE EMPEROR AKBAR.

BY YOUNG NIMROD.

THIS rather strange method of hunting is said to have been invented by Sultán Firuz-i-Khiljī, but the Emperor Akbar is credited with having reduced it to a regular system.

The following paragraph describes it succinctly, thus :—

"This timid animal also may be tamed and trained. They put a net over his horns, and let it off against wild deer, which from fear will fight with them. During the struggle, the horn or the foot, or the ears of the wild deer, will get entangled in the net; the hunters, who have been lying in ambush, will then run up to it, and catch it. The deer thus caught passes through a course of instruction, and gets tame. If the net should break, or the deer get tired during the struggle, it will return to the keeper, who either puts a new net on it, or sends out a fresh deer."

Certainly a very ingenious mode of, not exactly hunting, but entrapping deer; and, it would be well-worth knowing if this plan is still pursued anywhere in India. I hope that any brother sportsman, who may know of it, will favor us with information thereanent.

That the trained deer had no easy task in entrapping his wild companions, is evident from what is stated by Abul Fuzl. He says :—

"Sometimes it will happen that a wild deer will carry on the struggle from morning till evening, defeating as many as four tamed deer; but at last it will succumb to the fifth."

It is evident that, for such work only stags could be employed, and only the most stout ones too.

That the deer were perfectly tamed in those days, we learn from the Author, who thus writes :—

"In former times deer were never let loose at night-time; for people were afraid, lest they should run away. Hence they attached a heavy ball to one of their feet, when the deer were let loose."

The following instance of the attachment of the deer to his keeper is well-worth reproducing :—

"Only lately a deer created much sensation. It had run away from Iláhábád, and after bravely crossing rivers and plains, returned to the Punjáb, its home, and rejoined its former keeper."

Previous to Akbar's time, we are told that, "two persons at most enjoyed together the pleasures of deer-hunting," and these were obliged "from fear of the timidity of the deer to alter their style of dress, and lie concealed among shrubs." But the Emperor, we are informed, "introduced a new way, according to which more

"than two hundred may at the same time go deer-hunting." The *ruse* adopted was a very simple one, and is very briefly related in this way :—

"They drive slowly about forty cattle towards a place where deer are ; the hunters are thus concealed, and when arrived enjoy the chase."

All I can say is that, the deer must have been in vast numbers, and not over and above wary.

The following account is curious and hardly credible :—

"The keepers will also bend forward, and allow the trained deer to jump on them from behind. Wild deer, on seeing this, will think that they are in the *act of copulation*, and come near to fight. This way of hunting is disapproved of by His Majesty, who uses female deer as a means of making wild deer fight."

On one occasion we learn that, "a deer caught a leopard, whose foot got entangled in the net." Strange, *if true*.

The following five methods of "hunting," as it is called, are enumerated, namely :—

1st.—*G'hantaherah*, or shooting deer at night, by means of a lighted lamp, and ringing bells, to attract the animals.

2nd.—*T'hagi*. This is most curious :—"The hunter manages to get opposite a wild deer, and bare-headed, from a distance, he commences to throw himself into wild attitudes. The deer then, mistaking him for a mad man, and from curiosity will approach him. At this moment the hunters come from the ambush and kill it."

3rd.—*Ban Rarah*. This is quite simple, and, we are told, thoroughly effectual :—"Two good shots dressed in green, place themselves as before, and have the deer driven towards themselves."

4th.—*Ajarah*. Under this designation various modes of catching deer with nooses are had recourse to.

5th and last.—*T'hagi*. This is almost similar to No. 2, only that the hunter instead of mimicing a mad man, behaves as if he was a wounded one, covered with gore. We are told that, "wild animals and others will gather round him, waiting for his death ;" which is doubtless true as regards the *carnivora*, but that deer are attracted towards wounded and mad men, I learn for the first time.

The next paper will treat of "Buffalo Hunts."

Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club, held at the Race Stand, Calcutta, 27th February 1877.

Present :

J. A. Crawford, Esq., *in the Chair*.

A. T. Maclean, Esq.,

E. T. Roberts, Esq.,

Major Peacock,

E. A. Thurburn, Esq.,

G. Thomas, Esq.,

Capt. W. A. Roberts,

W. Thomas, Esq.

The accounts of the Club for the year 1876 were passed.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Club :—

J. Nicol Fleming, Esq., | Colin Smith, Esq.

The following were proposed and seconded for Ballot :—

P. K. L. Beaver, Esq., R. H. A.,	} Proposed by Capt. W. A. Roberts, seconded by Major Peacock.
J. C. Kinchant, Esq., 11th Hussars,	
Charsley Thomas, Esq.,	

The following gentlemen were elected Stewards for the year 1877 :—

Club.

Lord Ulick Browne,
J. D. Maclean, Esq.,
J. J. Keswick, Esq.,
Capt. W. A. Roberts, R. H. A.,
E. A. Thurburn, Esq.

Races.

Lord Ulick Browne,
Lord William Beresford,
J. J. Keswick, Esq.,
Capt. W. A. Roberts, R. H. A.,
E. A. Thurburn, Esq.

The meeting separated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Sd.) A. T. MACLEAN,
Honorary Secretary.

THE MONTH.

THE Grand National Steeplechase has closed with 62 entrances, or 15 less than last year's, and the following are the entrances for the Spring Handicaps :—

Lincolnshire	...	...	...	122
Northamptonshire Stakes	...	...	...	63
Earl Spencer's Plate	...	...	...	74
Liverpool Spring Cup	...	...	...	63
Newmarket	...	...	...	47
City and Suburban...	...	...	...	127
Great Metropolitan	...	...	...	62
Chester Cup	...	...	...	92

These figures, taken all round, show no great increase or decrease as compared with last year. The acceptances for these handicaps are generally good. Rosebery, the winner of the Cæsarewitch and Cambridgeshire last year, Thorn, and Controversy are the top weights in most of these races, Rosebery and Thorn being each made to give Controversy 3lbs. in different races.

In consideration of English horses being barred from many Continental races, Lord Falmouth proposes to bar Continental horses from our weight-for-age races, unless the terms of the race specially include them, or unless the country from which the horses come allow English horses to run there.

The promoters of small race-meetings at home are somewhat non-plussed by the new Jockey Club Rule that not less than £300 a day must be added to races under Newmarket Rules, and that nothing less than £100 are to be added to any one race. The rule also imposes restrictions as to only a certain proportion of the added money being given for short races. This is a capital rule, as it will tend to check the purely "gate-money" meetings that do much more harm to sport than good.

The winner of this year's great Australian Weight-for-age Race, viz., The Champion Stakes of £1500 added, is a three-year-old colt called Pride of the Hills, who carried 7st. 3lbs. over three miles in 5min. 34½secs., a worthy addition to the now tolerably long list of good Australian performances.

The Bombay Races, which have dwindled down to three days, were as poor as most other meetings during the past cold season. Kingcraft was not there, and Crown Prince had no difficulty in carrying off the principal race.

Calcutta has had two supplementary days of mixed racing. Most of the race-horses were too far off to make it worth their while to come down, but on the other hand many of the Steeple-chasers who had performed at Ballygunge and Dum-Dum were to the fore. It was as much as Gameboy could do to beat Chang in a hurdle race over a distance of ground when receiving three stone; in fact, he ran a very much worse horse than he did six months after landing in India last year.

We observe that the liberality of the Officers of the Mysore Commission rather increases than diminishes in the matter of their Cup to be run for at the Bangalore Races, the value of it this year being Rs. 2,000.

Roberts, the professional billiard-player, has been confirming the opinion we expressed in our last number of his skill, and as to the only way in which a game with him in India could possibly be made interesting. No amateur has a chance with him unless he chooses, and no more games in which a single amateur with almost any odds, but only the usual one shot, faces the professional, should be played, if the object is to draw out the real play of the latter. In the play at Calcutta if one of the three amateurs had received 650 points out of 1000, and two shots to Roberts's one, the former might have had a possible chance, or, instead of that, two amateurs playing consecutively, and the first placing the balls to give the second an easy shot unless pretty certain of scoring himself, would have been a game better worth seeing than the contests that took place. Even then we think Roberts would have had the call in the betting. Of course there were exceptional evenings on which Roberts' was "off," and could not play his real game, but we think our view would hold good when he is in average form. The science of the game of billiards has reached a point further than that of batting at cricket, though both have advanced much during the last fifteen years.

Contributions about hog-hunting and shooting in the Hills are invited. We have received few of either during the last two or three months, and are anxious to meet the wishes of the majority of our readers, by giving a variety in our record of sport.

Here is an instance of the death of a horse being commented on as that of a man:—"When Lord Clifden died a 'liner' for a provincial daily, in announcing the fact, added 'His lordship's death will be severely felt in Society, where he was a universal favorite.'"

But to make up here is an instance of the contrary taken from the *Cincinnati Inquirer* :—

"The winnings of the four favorites—or rather, the four who will 'be favorites on the English Turf the coming season—for the year 1876, are set down thus:—Count Lagrange, 118,000 dollars; Lord

"Dupplin, 72,000 dollars; Lord Rosebery, 70,000 dollars; Lord Falmouth, 50,000 dollars. *Neither one of these horses was a favorite on the English tracks at the commencement of the season.*"

"The Man about Town" sends the following two to the *Sporting Gazette* :—

"I heard a young curate not long since, after reading that clause in the Litany which relates to ladies in an interesting condition," add solemnly, 'especially him for whom our prayers are desired'

"A town-bred curate had consented to do duty on Sunday for his friend, the rector of a country parish in the midlands. The subject of the morning sermon was the parable of the prodigal son; and in the hope of impressing upon his hearers the joy which the patriarch felt on the return of his son, as instanced by his ordering the fatted calf to be killed, the young curate felt a pardonable pride in dwelling upon a subject which could not fail to be comprehensible to the dullest ploughboy in the congregation. 'Remember,' he said, 'this was no ordinary calf which was to be killed; it was no common calf or beast suffering from murrain; no half-starved calf slowly awaiting death. No! it was not even merely a fatted calf; but, becoming more impressive, it was the fatted calf which had been prized and loved by the family for many years!'"

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RACES PAST.

CHUMPARUN RACES, 1876.

Though often lumped in with Tirhoot by the outside public, Chumparun is a tight little district, all by itself, holding its own with bigger places, undisturbed by the rivalries which distract larger communities, willing to back its volunteers, polo, riding, every thing, against all comers, and ever ready to join in a little sport or dissipation.

There is an old picture in Punch in which a little dapper tradesman is made to say to a big bearded aristocrat, by way of opening a conversation at cover side: "My Lord, hunting improves the breed of horses, and brings together those as would not otherwise meet." Now, this is just what a good Skye Meet does in a district. Every one attends as a matter of course, and from the far-away factory, preceded by his bed and the latest fashions from Badham or Harman, secured in a huge box, the assistant wends his way to try his luck. Apart from work, the excitements of the year have been confined to a game of polo, or a meeting of bachelor friends; but now he has got to play his part where ladies fair hold sway, and to win their smiles on the race course, the hockey ground, and in the ball-room. Sundry gallops in the zurats have, he hopes, put his untrained zillah nag into fair condition; his ponies look fit for many a run to goal, and assiduous practice with an obliging friend has perfected the *trois-temps* step, his weak point in last year's campaign. Above all, and at this stage, he takes a complacent survey of his general appearance; he will be near her, whom, but for the race gathering, he would not otherwise meet.

Their people who remember the rampant Cabuls and coarse-bred Walers in vogue ten or fifteen years ago will testify to the great improvement in the class of horses in these Districts. Now, with the advice of Mr. John, or Cresswell, an animal is bought with breeding enough to make him a good hack and pigsticker, and with an eye to his perhaps winning a Zillah Stakes or Behar Purse.

The accounts one hears of the big Calcutta Meet are not very inspiring, and racing even to owners must be rather a dreary business with bad lotteries, small fields, and few spectators. Comparing small things

with great, a contrast to this state of matters is a Skye Meet in Behar) Lotteries are filled up a couple at a time, and there is generally a good show at the starting post, and a better one of beauty and witchery in the stand, so that there is nothing wanting to complete a very pretty picture. Polo, Paperchases, Badminton and Cricket fill up the odd time, and the days seem all too short for the requirement of "*les moutards*."

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 1876.

Trial Stakes. Weight for age and class. Rs. 250. 1 mile.

Mr. Roderick's	Glengarry	Mr. Rowland ...	...	1
" John's	Fisherboy	Owner ...	...	2

Glengarry went away with the lead and kept it, winning by half a length. Time 1min. 54secs.

Behar Stakes. For all horses qualified to enter for the Behar Stakes at Sonopore, the winner of which is to carry 7lbs. extra. Weight for age and class. Rs. 300 1 mile.

Mr. Donald's	Pandora	Mr. John ...	...	1
" Frank's	Athlone	Owner ...	...	2
" Canning's	Captain	Mr. Rowland ...	...	3

Athlone got the best of the start, and made the running at a slow pace to the quarter mile from home, where the other two came up, and a good race ensued, ending in favor of Pandora by a neck. Time 1min. 56secs.

Badminton Stakes. For all country-breds. Weight for age. Rs. 200. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Geraldine	10 4	Badaesey ..	...	1
" Fred's	Kathleen	10 11	Mr. Rowland	...	2
" Donald's	Parody	11 2	" John	...	3
" Abbott's	Slowcoach	10 11	Owner ...	...	0
" Webb's	Vesper	10 11	Mr. Barclay	...	0
" Barclay's	Padrina	10 2	" Alf ...	...	0
" Colonel's	Don Juan	10 4	" Cockburn	...	0
" James'	Mere Angot	10 11	Capt. Higginson...	...	0
" St. Clair's	Tricotrin	10 2	Mr. Mackintosh	...	0

Slowcoach first away, accompanied by Vesper and Mere Angot, the others in a chester behind to the top of the hill, where Geraldine was sent through her horses and kept the lead to the end, closely attended by Kathleen and Parody on her quarter. Time 1min. 28secs.

Hack Stakes. For all Hacks valued at Rs. 500, to carry weight for age and class. 5lbs. on or off for every Rs. 100, more or less. Rs. 100. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Scott	11 7	Mr. John	...	...	1
" Fred's	Kathleen	9 7	" Franks	...	...	2
" Mackintosh's	Peut-6tre	8 11	Badaesey	...	...	3

Peut-être getting the best of a bad start made tremendous running for a quarter of a mile, when she changed her mind and went off the course.

The other two came stride for stride to the stand, where Scott by dint of hard riding carried his heavy weight to the front and reversed his defeat at Sonepore, showing his ugly head to the Judge this time before the mare. Time 1min. 27secs.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER 1876.

Maharajah of Bettiah's Purse of Rs. 300. For second class horses. Weight for age and class. 1 mile.

Mr. John's	Bowra Bill	Bedasey	...	1
" Frank's	Redgauntlet	Mr. Rowland	...	2
" Hill's	Crown Prince	" Ted	...	3
" Rowland's	Florican	" Franks	...	0

Mr. John having had one of his falls was unable to ride, and the public thought Bowra Bill would run away with Bedasey. He, however seemed master of the horse, and jumping away with the lead, made a waiting race and won with something to spare. Time 1m. 54s.

Purse by Mr. John. Rs. 200. For all assistants' horses which have never up to starting won a race. Walers 12st. Country-breds 10st. 7lbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Barclay's	Padrina	Owner	...	1
" Canning's	Captain	Owner	...	2
" Alf's	Myrtle	Owner	...	3
" St. Clair's	Tricotrin	Mr. Appleby	...	0
" Colonel's	Professor	" Cockburn	...	0

Myrtle and Padrina went off with the lead, Professor losing very much at the start. At the half mile though he was catching them fast, but thought better of it and bolted. Padrina and the Captain singled themselves out a quarter mile from home, and a most amusing finish resulted, ending amid cheers and laughter from the stand, in a dead heat. Padrina won the second heat easily.

Selling Stakes. Horse valued at Rs. 800, to carry 11st. ; 5lbs. on or off for every Rs. 100 ; above or below that price, Rs. 150. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Mr. Frank's	Piccadilly	9 13	Owner	...	1
" Frank's	Red Gauntlet	11 0	Mr. Rowland	...	2
" Hill's	Crown Prince	11 10	" Ted	...	3
" Ted's	Peeler	10 10	" Hill	...	0
" Callum's	Rocket	8 7	" Abbott	...	0

Piccadilly, poor brute ! lame as a tree, and looking more fit to be laid under the sod than brought out on a race course, managed to keep in front and won, Red Gauntlet pulling double. Time 1min. 26secs.

Produce Stakes. Handicap for Country-breds and Arabs. Rs. 200
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Parody	11 0	Bedasey ...	1
" Fred's	Kathleen	11 5	Capt. Higginson ...	2
" John's	Roulette	10 12	Mr. Rowland ...	3
" Mackintosh's	Peut-être	11 0	" Franks ...	0
" Webb's	Vesper	10 0	" Appleby ...	0
" Abbott's	Slowcoach	10 12	" Alf ...	0
" Barclay's	Padrina	9 3	" Mackintosh ...	0
" Colonel's	Don Juan	9 0	" Abbott ...	0
" Rochford's	Simla	8 0	" Piffard ...	0

Parody getting the best of a good start, maintained her position and challenged by Kathleen and Roulette won after a good finish. Time 55secs.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 23RD DECEMBER 1876.

Cabul Stakes. Rs. 100. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Maidens allowed 10lbs. Weight 11st. 7lbs.

Mr. Ernest's	Viceroy	11 7	Mr. John ...	1
" Rowland's	Lazybones	10 11	Owner ...	2
" Vipont's	Bombazine	10 8	Mr. Abbott ...	3
" Alf's	Recluse	10 11	Owner ...	0
" Callum's	Gentleman	10 11	Mr. Franks ...	0

Bombazine tried to make the best of her light weight and was the first to show. In the straight she was caught by Viceroy and Lazybones, the former pulling off the honours after a bit of a struggle. Time 1 min. 32secs.

Champagne Stakes. Handicap for all horses. Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. John's	Bowra Bill	11 7	Mr. John ...	1
" Frank's	Redgauntlet	10 11	Rowland ...	2
" John's	Crown Prince	9 10	Bedasey ...	3

Bowra Bill with the advantage in the start was never passed and won in 55secs.

Claret Stakes. Handicap for Country-breds. Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Geraldine	11 4	Mr. John ...	1
" Rowland's	Parody	10 11	Owner ...	2
" Fred's	Kathleen	10 11	Capt. Higginson ...	3
" Mackintosh's	Peut-être	10 2	Mr. Franks ...	0
" John's	Roulette	9 11	Bedasey ...	0
" Tipping's	Cheeskeita	8 10	Hooseynbuxis ...	0

All got away with a good start, Parody and Kathleen in front. There was no change in this order, until opposite the stand, when shouts of Parody wins were heard, but a little too soon for Geraldine shot past with a tremendous rush and secured the verdict by a neck. But, alas! her punishment went for nothing, as the starter came up

and declared the flag had never dropped. So they had to make the best of their way back to the half mile, and again catch the judge's eye in the same positions. Time 54½secs.

Lottery Stakes. Handicap for untrained assistants' horses. Rs. 100. ½ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Scott	11	7	Mr. John	...	1
" Webb's	Vesper	9	7	" Franks	...	2
" Coffin's	Rushlight	11	0	" Rowland	...	3
" Canning's	Captain	10	0	Bedasey	...	0
" Appleby's	Raffles	9	7	Owner	...	0
" Colonel's	Don Juan	8	0	Mr. Abbott	...	0
" Barclay's	Padrina	9	0	" Mackintosh	...	0

Vesper getting quickest on her legs secured a long lead; but the avenger followed behind in Scott, who, before it was too late, overtook the mare and after a hard set-to kept the pot from boiling over by a neck. The odds were 25 to 1 against the mare and the betting won on Scott. Time 55secs.

Indigo Stakes. Handicap for second class Walers. Rs. 150. ½ mile.

Mr. Donald's	Pandora	11	4	Mr. John	...	1
" Frank's	Athlone	10	0	Owner	...	2
" Callum's	Rabbit	9	0	Bedasey	...	3
" Rowland's	Florican	10	11	Owner	...	0
" Frank's	Piccadilly	11	4	Mr. Berrill	...	0
" Alf's	Queen of Clubs	11	4	Owner	...	0
" Barclay's	Ros	9	0	Capt. Higginson	...	0
" Fraser's	Darling	11	4	Mr. Barclay	...	0

The Rabbit did what he could with his light weight, but his bolt was soon shot. Florican, Athlone and Pandora passed him at the distance. Florican, however, was in no better state, and the race was left to Athlone and the mare. She lasted longest, and passed the post half a length a-head. Time 54secs.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, 26TH DECEMBER 1876.

Winner's Handicap. Rs. 250. R. C.

Mr. Frank's	Redgauntlet	10	0	Owner	...	1
" John's	Bowra Bill	11	7	Ditto	...	2

Redgauntlet made the running to his satisfaction, and won with ease as he was bound to do at the weights.

Second Class Handicap. Rs. 150. 1 mile.

Mr. Donald's	Pandora	11	7	Mr. John	...	1
" Frank's	Piccadilly	9	7	" Appleby	...	2
" Ditto	Athlone	9	7	Owner	...	3
" Rowland's	Florican	10	2	Bedasey	...	0

Piccadilly with Florican made the running ; at the distance Athlone and Pandora joined them, and after a good set-to the mare won by a neck. Time 1min. 55secs.

Ramnagar Stakes. Handicap for Arabs and Country-breds. Rs. 200. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Rowland's	Parody	11 0	Owner	...	...	1
.. Webb's	Kathleen	10 10	Capt. Higginson	...	...	2
.. Mackintosh's	Peut-étre	9 10	Mr. Franks	...	...	3
.. Abbott's	Slowcoach	9 0	Owner	...	...	0
.. John's	Roulette	9 10	Bedasey	...	...	0

They all started together and at the distance were in that position at the whip. Then Parody and Kathleen drew a little ahead from the group, which might have been covered by a newspaper, and there was a desperate struggle ending in favor of Mr. Rowland under the disadvantage of riding, one may say barebacked, for his saddle had broken in two. Time 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Segowlee Cup. Presented by the officers of the 2nd B. C. Steeplechase. For all second class horses. C. T. C. weight for age and class raised 2st. Horses that have never started in any race allowed 7lbs, and owners riding their own horses 4lbs. Winners once to carry 4lbs, extra, twice or oftener 7lbs. Distance about three miles. Winner to be sold for Rs. 800.

Mr. Thorpe's	Will-o'-the Wisp	12 4	Owner	...	...	1
.. Webb's	Vesper	9 11	Mr. Cockburn	...	...	2
.. Carlisle's	Sugarstick	11 11	.. Appleby	...	...	3
.. John's	Crown Prince	11 11	Owner	...	...	0
.. Donald's	Grace	11 4	Mr. Berrill	...	...	0
.. Coffin's	Rushlight	12 1	Mr. Canning	...	...	0

Crown Prince jumped away with the lead, closely followed by Will-o'-the Wisp, Grace and Rushlight, until the second time round at the water when Rushlight, whose rider had broken a stirrup leather, took a turn into the paddock. The leading three were over the On-and-off together, but at the in-and-out Crown Prince again assumed the lead and kept it to the 20th fence, where he came down a burster. Grace was unfortunate, too, for with her saddle gear broken she swerved at the wall just before, and turned a complete somersault, leaving her rider senseless on the ground. Mr. John was also knocked rather out of time, so Will-o'-the Wisp with only one fence more to negotiate sailed along and won as he liked amid tremendous cheering. His popular Owner had with great fortitude been undergoing a severe course of banting, and had paid a long price for the horse to ride in this race, which every one was glad to see him win. We are happy to say Mr. Berrill, who is a most promising steeplechase rider, got over his fall, but only after two days' insensibility ; and we hope to see him up with better luck next time.

Cabul Steeplechase over Pony course. Rs. 150.

Mr. Wilson's	Mullingar	Mr. Canning	...	1
" Vipont's	Bombazine	Mr. Alf	...	2
" Ernest's	Viceroy	Mr. Cockburn	...	3
" Marriott's	Silvertail	Capt. Higginson	...	0

All over first two jumps together. At the next Viceroy and Bombazine refused, and Mullingar got the lead. Quickly taken round the first two horses were fast coming up, when Viceroy again refused, and Bombazine came to grief, leaving the race to Mullingar, Silvertail nowhere.

Pony Steeplechase. Rs. 100.

Mr. Ted's	Moody	Capt. Higginson	...	...	1
" Barclay's	Contract	Owner	...	...	2
" Eutter's	Sampson	_____	...	...	0
" Colonel's	Mary Ann	_____	...	...	0
" Carlisle's	Sir Roger	_____	...	...	0
" Wang's	Cyclops	_____	...	...	0
" Nosey's	Nosey	_____	...	...	0
" Unknown's	Ladder	_____	...	...	0

After a series of refusals, in which Moody and Contract alone did not take part, the race was left to the pair, and with cheers for the gallant Captain a long morning's sport was brought to a close.

The Meeting was rather fruitful in accidents: Our Honorary Secretary sprained his ankle severely, but that did not prevent his work being carried on in the usual effective manner, and, what is just as important, with his wonted kindness and good nature. Our gallant young Colonel dislocated his elbow in trying his maiden chaser over the course, but we hardly think he regretted it much (though he was a sad loss to his side at hockey) as he was taken especial care of by the ladies; one advantage to outsiders was that the Colonel was distinguishable from his dromio, Mr. Shires; but we daily expected him to turn up a cripple, too, and join in the plea for sympathy from the fair sex. Two or three had croppers in the Paperchases, and Mr. Berrill and Mr. John came to grief in the Steeple. But we hope all the unfortunates are sound again in wind and limb and fit to ride for their lives.

That most enjoyable of all Indian games, Polo, was in full swing every evening, until the pace of some of the ponies, poor little things, was reduced almost to a crawl. The best game we have ever seen was the match between 'married' and 'single.' Some one suggested the other day that a handsome Challenge Cup, with smaller pieces of Plate, to be given to each of the winning team, should be played for by the three districts at the Mozufferpore Inspection Meet. Racing is not to every one the chief end of his existence, and many would take an interest in the Cup being carried off by their district who care little how the Behar Stakes go. We think also an Honorary Secretary might provide a few pretty prizes for the Badminton tournaments, and show his gallantry by adding zest to the only outdoor

game in which ladies care to take a part. One more suggestion, and we are done. Surely Chumparun is very wanting in invention, if it cannot contrive a better supper room than the present wretched hole to which people are sent to feed. However good the supper, however well arranged the table, they cannot be appreciated when there is hardly room to stand, and there is a general scramble and confusion, and spilling of soup, and mess.

To remind us that our Gracious Queen was about to be proclaimed our future Empress, and in honor of the event the Maharajah of Bettiah invited us to an extra Ball, enlivened by an exhibition of fire-works. At supper after the liberality of the Maharajah had been acknowledged, the health of our hostess, Mrs. Rochfort, was proposed with acclamation. In reply, Mr. Rochfort spoke of the satisfaction it would give him to inform the Rajah of the success of the entertainment, and the pleasure Mrs. Rochfort and he felt in the enjoyment of us all.

Thus ended our Meeting, and we think every person who attended it was pleased with the manner in which his Christmas week was spent.

SILLIGORIE SKY RACES, 1877.

The following is an authenticated report of the late Silligorie Race Meet, which is admitted on all sides to have been the best, as well as the most pleasant, that has taken place since the Meetings were begun in 1874.

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, THE 15TH JANUARY, 1877.

Messrs. Lloyd & Co.'s Prize. Value Rs. 300. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. The property of residents in the Darjeeling District. Entrance Rs. 16. 11st. 7lbs. ; 3lbs. allowed for every half inch under. One mile.

Mr. Fred's	ch a	Gendarme	Mr. Katban	... 1
" Return's	w m	Psyche	" Victor	... 2
" Hancock's	b cb m	Skittles	Owner	... 3
" Return's	c b	Rocket	Mr. Nash	... 0
" W.'s		Little Hercules	" Bradford	... 0

At the lotteries Skittles and Psyche were slightly better favorites than Gendarme, but it was hard to choose between three such cracks. The owner of Cupid and Stumpy was very unlucky, as he was unable to get a horsebox, and consequently neither of the Ponies could be got up in time. Gendarme, however, pulled him through. The race needs little description. Psyche and Skittles made the running to the bamboos, when Gendarme, beautifully ridden, came forward and won easily. Skittles being pulled up a bad third, the rest nowhere.

The Hack Stakes. For all hack horses, the *bonâ fide* property of residents in the Darjeeling, Purneah and Julpigoree Districts, and the Staff of the Northern Bengal Railway, which have been known to have been used by the same in regular hack work for at least six months before the race. Entrance Rs. 16, with Rs. 150 added. Weight for class. Distance one mile.

Mr. W. Hancock's	b w g	The Banker	Mr. Bradford	... 1
" Todd's	b c h	Ranger	Owner	... 2
Messrs. Hancock's		Marksman	Mr. H. Hancock	... 0

Marksman bolted off the course soon after the start, leaving the Waler to canter home from the winner of last year's Cabul race.

Hancock Brothers' Cup. For Bhooteah Ponies. Winners of previous years barred. Valued at Rs. 200, to carry 11st.; 5lbs. added or allowed for every Rs. 25 more or less. The winner to be put up to auction after the race, and any surplus over the entered selling price to be divided between owner of 2nd horse and fund. No penalties or allowances of any kind. R. C. and a distance. Entrance Rs. 10.

Mr. Fraser's	Have Luck	Mr. Bradford	... 1
" Return's	New Purchase	Mr. Victor	... 2
Messrs. Fred & Henry's	Sir Richard	Mr. H. Hancock	... 0
Mr. Fraser's	Black	Mr. Tod	... 0

Have Luck and New Purchase were the favorites at the lotteries, and they did not deceive their backers, as they ran an exceedingly close race. The former being well ridden and winning by a couple of lengths.

The Cabul Stakes. Entrance Rs. 16 with Rs. 150 added. Weight 11st. for 14 hands; 4lbs. off or on for every half inch under or over. One mile.

Mr. Jame's	Auburn	Owner	... 1
" Return's	Plunger	Mr. Bradford	... 2

There was no lottery on this race, and only two horses faced the starter, but many people stuck to their old favorite Plunger, who led for about a quarter of a mile, after which Mr. James let Auburn out and the three-year old won as he liked.

For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Entrance Rs. 10, with Rs. 150 added. 13 hands to carry 11 stone; 3lbs. added or allowed for every half inch under or over. Half a mile.

Mr. Return's	w m	Psyche	Mr. Fred	... 1
Messrs. Hancock's	b o m	Skittles	Mr. Katban	... 2
Mr. W's		Little Hercules	Mr. Bradford	... 0

There was no lottery on this race, and only three Ponies faced the starter. Public opinion was divided between the chances of Psyche and Skittles. Little Hercules got a little the worst of the start, but was altogether outpaced, and the other two raced to the bamboos,

when Psyche came out and won, hard held, by a length. Psyche showed what a good Pony she was, as Mr. Fred even without his boots could not get within four pounds of her proper weight.

For all Bhooteah Ponies 13-2 and under. Weight 11 stone ; 7lbs. allowed for every half inch under. Half a mile. Entrance Rs. 10 with Rs. 150 added.

Mr. W. G. Judge's	Spot	Owner	...	1
" C. E. Judge's	Snowdrop	Mr. Mytton	...	2
" Victor's	Spider	Owner	...	0
" Mill's	Springbok	Mr. Katban	...	0
" Return's	Wallace	Mr. Tod	...	0
" Henry's	Deceiver	Mr. H. Hancock	...	0

There was great delay in bringing up some of the ponies, thus seriously jeopardising the chances of such impatient animals as Wallace and Springbok. Deceiver broke away and went round the whole course, and falling over the rails in the straight threw his rider, who was badly hurt. Mr. Henry, however, was determined the pony should go, so Mr. Fred kindly mounted the pigskin and a second attempt at a start was made ; on which all went, and on their being brought back a good start was effected and a really splendid race ensued, Mr. Judge just landing Spot first by a brilliantly successful rush at the post, Snowdrop being second.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, THE 16TH JANUARY, 1877.

The Selim Cup. For all Bhooteah Ponies 13-2 and under. Entrance Rs. 10. 11st. 7lbs. ; 4lbs. allowed for every half-inch under. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. W. G. Judge's	Spot	Owner	...	1
" C. E. Judge's	Snowdrop	Mr. Victor	...	2
" Return's	Wallace	Mr. Tod	...	3
" Mill's	Springbok	Mr. Hyde	...	0
" Henry's	Deceiver	Mr. Katban	...	0
" Fraser's	Black	Mr. Bradford	...	0

Spot was a strong favorite at the lotteries. A bad start was made, in which Deceiver lost what little chance he had. A semblance of a race took place between Spot, Snowdrop and Wallace, who come in in the order above given.

Messrs. Tyndall and Mill's Cup. For all Ponies. Entrance Rs. 10. Three-quarters of a mile. 13 hands to carry 11st.; 4lbs. off or on for every half inch under or over.

Mr. Fred's	Gendarme	Mr. Katban	...	1
" Return's	Psyche	Mr. James	...	2
" W.'s	Little Hercules	Mr. Bradford	...	3

In a seventy chick lottery Gendarme sold for thirty-eight chicks, Psyche for nineteen, and Little Hercules for the large amount of two. Gendarme got a very bad start, losing several lengths and inside place, as Mr. James seeing his opportunity let Psyche out and kept the lead to the bamboos, where, however, Gendarme pulled him up and then won as he liked. Little Hercules last.

The Galloway Stakes. Entrance Rs. 10 with Rs. 150 added. 11st. 7lbs. ; 4lbs. allowed for every half inch under. One mile.

Mr. Fred's	Gendarme	Mr. Katban	...	1
„ James's	Auburn	Owner	...	2
„ W.'s	Shah	Mr. Bradford	...	3

Gendarme was the favorite at the lotteries, though the winner of the Cabul Stakes had many supporters. Mr. Bradford raced against the light weight for the first half mile, when the shut up and Auburn, who had been kept a few lengths behind, tried at the half mile to catch the pony, but it was no use, as Gendarme never gave him a chance and won easily.

The Assistant's Cup. For all Ponies the *bond fide* property of Tea Planters drawing not more than Rs. 200 a month salary, or of Government servants in Darjeeling, Julpigorie, or on the Staff of the N. B. S. Railway drawing not more than Rs. 350 salary, which have been regularly ridden by their owners for six months previous to the date of race. 13 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. ; 4lbs off or on for every half inch under or over. If an Arab or C. B. starts, Bhooteas to be allowed 5lbs. One mile. Previous winners at Silligorie barred. Entrance 5 rupees, if entered before 1st December ; after that Rs. 10.

Mr. Hyde's	Jungly	10	12	Owner	...	1
„ Bradford's	Florric	11	3	Owner	...	2
„ Roycroft's	Hard-up	10	8	Mr. Katban	...	3

Hard-up tried to bolt off the Course soon after the start and lost considerably. Florric led, closely followed by Jungly as far as the bamboos, where want of condition told on the country-bred, and the Bhootea Jungly ridden by Mr. Hyde came away and won easily.

Mr. Tod's Cup. A handicap for all Ponies 13 hands and under R. C. and a distance. Entrance Rs. 10.

Mr. Judge's	Spot	11	7	Mr. Fred	...	1
„ C. E. Judge's	Snowdrop	10	7	Mr. W. Judge	...	2
„ Hancock's	Chimney Sweep	10	7	Mr. Tod	...	3
„ Fred's	Old Man	9	0	Mr. Victor	...	0
„ Evan's	Pet	10	12	Mr. Katban	...	0
„ Bradford's	Byon	9	0	Mr. Mytton	...	0

This was by far the best race of the day, and the handicapper had done his work most impartially, as was shown by the event. Notwithstanding the crushing weight he had to carry, Spot was the favorite at the lotteries, Snowdrop being least liked. All got off to a good start, Snowdrop and Pet leading to the half-mile post, the others a few lengths behind. Pet here retiring let Spot up, who waited on

Snowdrop into the straight, when he got on equal terms with him. A splendid race all down the straight then ensued, Snowdrop trying hard to win, but at the finish when the whips began to work Spot answered at once and won by a length. Chimney Sweep and Old Man contending for third place.

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1877.

Rifle Shooting, &c., &c.

LUCKNOW RACES, 1877.

You must not expect me to say very much about Lucknow. It was not quite what I remember in other days, when the Cassa-rewitch and Cambridgeshire were household words for months, and the cracks of Bengal and Northern India were wont to meet in these great handicaps. The sporting Honorary Secretary does all he can for the meeting, but complains of want of funds.

We had a pleasant afternoon's sport, the drawback of small fields notwithstanding. There was a large attendance; the weather was delightful. The Delhi Meeting was referred to more than once in the afternoon; the settling seems to have been unsatisfactory. Some four thousand rupees are said to be still owing to the lotteries. But this would scarcely amount to a charge of 3 per cent. on the total fund; yet winners have only been paid some 85 per cent. and it is consequently surmised that there are other defaulters. The delay in the settlement of the lotteries on the United Service Cup is also a matter to be noticed. There can be no doubt Stanley was fairly declared the winner. The Stewards unanimously decided so, after a personal inspection of the ground gone over immediately after the race. Touchstone, who came in first, had cut off nearly a quarter of a mile of the course; Stanley had gone over every inch of it. The race was run under Grand National Rules, by which it is clearly laid down that "the decision of the Stewards, or whomsoever they may appoint, is final in every thing connected with Steeplechases." The stakes have been already paid to the owner of Stanley; the lottery money ought to follow the stakes. It is held over, however, because the owner of Touchstone objects to the decision, and has appealed—I should like to know to whom. It is difficult to conceive perversity that could be dissatisfied with the ruling of such men as Sir Henry Daly, Sir Samuel Browne, Lord Ulick Browne, Mr. Dalyell, and the other gentlemen who decided the question.

The lotteries at the Mahommed Bagh Club were well attended, but there was not much plunging. The first race brought out but three starters, Mr. Anderson's Yanathon, the favourite, and he landed the handsome purse for his popular owner after a show of a race with

the moderate Alexa. Again, three for the maiden Arab race. This time the favourite was bowled over. The talent backed Ugly Buck as if he were a "moral," but Mr. Watson's grand bay five-year-old, Rainbow, the Alexandra Plate winner at Delhi, won all the way; the steeplechaser Jack a bad third.

Five weighed out for the 13th Hussar's Regimental Challenge Cup, three miles, over the Steeplechase Course. Countess, more on the strength of Mr. Watson's fine horsemanship than any special qualities of her own, was made favourite, but Fleetwing, admirably steered by Mr. Elliot, his first performance between the flags, proved the victor, after a fine race with Countess. Springbok, last year's winner, finished third, two hundred yards behind, after falling at the water on the far side of the Course.

The Goomtee Steeplechase was deprived of its attractions by an unfortunate accident, which placed Commodore hors de combat a few days before the Meeting, and the scratching of Jack, who had hit or slightly injured one of his hocks after the Arab race in which he figured so ingloriously. This left only Gold Dust and Vesper to try conclusions. The Arab balked and disposed of his rider at the post and rails, and Vesper, the Mozufferpore winner, had merely to canter over the Course.

The Pony Stakes brought the best field of the day to the post, and afforded the most speculation. Captain Atkinson despatched the seven at the first attempt to a tolerably good start, and Quilp, getting first away, made the best of his way home, and won by a length from Pink; the favourite, Mignouette, only getting fourth place.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Ladies' Purse. Rs. 150. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. For all horses that have not won during the season. C. W. A. C. raised 2st. Maidens allowed 7lbs.

Mr. Anderson's	g w g	Yanathon	10 11	Mr. Hartwell ...	1
Col. Russell's	c e m	Alexa	11 0	Capt. Maunsell	2
Mr. Constable's	br w m	The Jilt	10 4	Mr. Webb ...	3

Yanathon led throughout, and won in a canter from Alexa. The Jilt a bad third. Time—1 min. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Oudh Commission Purse, in specie, presented by Officers of the Oudh Commission. Distance 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles. For Maiden Arabs C. W. A. Previous winners, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., 3 times or oftener 14lbs., extra.

Mr. Watson's	b a h	Rainbow	8 13	Jaffer	... 1
„ Geneste's	g a h	Ugly Buck	9 7	Ryder	... 2
„ Ditto's	g a h	Jack	10 0	Mr. Webb	... 3

Rainbow made all the running, and won by two lengths from Ugly Buck; Jack a bad third. Time—58secs.; 1min. 27secs.; 1 min. 58secs.; 3mins. 1sec.

Betting at lotteries: 3 to 2 against Ugly Buck, 3 to 1 against Rainbow, 6 to 1 against Jack.

The 13th Hussars' Regimental Challenge Cup. A Steeplechase Three miles.

Mr. Elliot's	b w g	Fleetwing	12	7	carried	12	11	...	1
" Watson's	b w m	Countess	12	7	—	—	—	...	2
" Wheler's	b w g	Springbok	12	7	—	—	—	...	3
" Constable's	c w g	The Squire	13	0	—	—	—	...	0
" Lans's	br w g	Jerry	12	7	—	—	—	...	0

The five starters got away well together, Springbok leading over the water in front of the stand, followed by Fleetwing, Countess, Jerry, and Squire, in the order named, but the two latter were immediately after outpaced and quite out of the hunt. The others went on in close company to the second water jump, where Springbok fell, and though quickly remounted, lost all chance of winning. Countess, with Fleetwing at her quarters, negotiated the remainder of the fences in faultless style, landing over the last a length in front; but Fleetwing had the foot of her, and Mr. Elliot landed her the winner by a length and-a-half.

Lottery betting: 6 to 4 on Countess, 4 to 1 against Fleetwing, 9 and 10 to 1 against Springbok and Jerry, 50 to 1 against Squire.

The Goomtee Steeplechase. Rs. 250. Distance 2 miles. For all Arabs and Country-breds. Arabs, 10st. 7lbs.; Country-breds, 11st. 7lbs. Winners, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., 3 times or oftener 12lbs., extra.

Mr. Webb's	c cb m	Vesper	11	11	Tingey	...	1
" Park's	c a h	Gold Dust	11	0	Owner	...	2
Capt. Mausel's	b a h	Commodore	11	5	scratched.		
Mr. Geneste'e	g a h	Jack,	11	5	scratched.		

Commodore was coloured on the card, but an accident prevented his starting. Jack was "declared," but having a swelling on one of his hocks was scratched. Gold Dust refused at the post and rails, and disposed of his rider, leaving Vesper to win as she liked.

Pony Stakes. Rs. 100. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Catch weights over 10st. 7lbs.; for Ponies 13-2; 7lbs. allowed for every inch under. Previous winners, once 4lbs., twice or oftener 9lbs., extra.

Mr. Anderson's	b cb p	Quilp	10	2	Tingey	1
Major Watson's	c cb p	Pink	11	2	Sterry	2
Mr. Todd's	b cb p	The Mourner	10	7	Capt. Hartwell	3
Capt. Roberts'	g a m	Mignonette	10	7	Capt. Swinton	0
Mr. Park's	c cb p	Faugh-a-Ballagh	11	2	Mr. Bromfield	0
Nawab Mehdee						
Ali Khan's	c cb p	Robin	11	2	Native	... 0
Mr. Waldon's dun	c b p	Tommy	10	0	Harwood	... 0

In a lottery, tickets—Rs. 1,000.

Mignonette	..	..	..	Rs. 480
Faugh-a-Ballagh	"	..	..	" 230
Quilp	"	..	..	" 150
Pink	"	..	..	" 140
Robin	"	..	..	" 60
The Mourner	"	..	..	" 30
Tommy	"	..	..	" 10
Total	..	..	..	Rs. 2,100

Quilp got first away, and, keeping in front throughout, won cleverly by a length ; Pink second, The Mourner third, Mignonette, close up, fourth. Time—59secs.

Again a very fair day's sport ; a large attendance and splendid weather. Heavy rain had made the Race Course perfect, and the long straight of smooth elastic turf, fresh and green, looked English all over. Unfortunately for sportsmen, the lotteries were but poor. The night usually devoted to them was appropriated by the XIIIth Hussars for a dance. A couple filled on the Little Go Steeplechase and Railway Plate at the Mohammed Baugh Club in the morning, but the L. Zingari *vs.* Station Cricket Match proved a stronger attraction, and they must be pronounced, as morning lotteries at Lucknow invariably are, a failure. Old Gooseberry was the favorite for the Hack Race, but the handsome Country-bred Mare, Eva, cleverly ridden by Captain Maunsell, won by half a length ; Sunbeam a bad third. The St. Leger fell through altogether. There were but two horses entered, and the Stewards declining to give more than half the added money their owners preferred their remaining in the stable. The XIIIth Hussars Subalterns' Cup produced another good race between Countess and Fleetwing. It was very much a repetition of the Regimental Challenge Cup. Fleetwing won with something more in hand, and The Squire was third, Springbok, who occupied that position on Tuesday, being prevented from starting from the effect of his fall on that occasion. This time Jerry fell ; but neither he nor The Squire was ever really in the race. The Little Go Steeplechase fell to Fleur-de-lis, piloted by his owner after a good race with Pink, who ran out at the third fence, or would have pressed the winner closer. Quilp obstinately refused, and The Mourner fell at the first obstacle, whilst Fluke and Betsey ran the Course, but were not fast or fit enough to live the pace. Four started for the Railway Plate, Jack being scratched. Rainbow was made favorite on the strength of his Oudh Commission Purse victory. He ran a good horse for a mile, but 9st. 5lbs. is a big weight for a mere colt, and both Cardigan and Navarino passed him, Mr. Maitland landing the latter a winner by half a length after a hard race. Ugly Buck was quite off, and cut up badly.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The Martinière Stakes. Rs. 150. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. For all Hacks *bande* the property of residents in Oudh. Winner to be sold by auction for Rs. 400 immediately after the race, any surplus to be divided between owner of second horse and the Fund. Entrance Rs. 20. Catchweights over 10st. for Arabs, over 11st. for Country-breds, and 11st. 7lbs. for Walers, with a penalty of 5lbs. for a winner of two or more previous races. G. R. To close and name at noon day before race.

Capt. Cuthell's b c b m Eva	11	0	Capt. Maunsell	1
Mr. Beadnell's b c b g Old Gooseberry	11	5	Owner	... 2
„ Germany's b w m Sunbeam	11	12	Mr. Hartwell	3

Betting 2 to 1 against Old Gooseberry, 4 to 1 against Sunbeam, 6 to 1 against Eva. Sunbeam was outpaced from the start, and Eva won after a good race with the favorite by half a length. Time—1min. 30secs.

Lucknow St. Leger. Rs. 500. Distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. For all Maidens C. W. A. C. Previous winners once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 12lbs., extra. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 30 for each horse declared to start at noon day before the race.

Mr. John's blk w m	Fieldfare	9	12	—	... 0
„ Anderson's ch e g	Priestcraft	9	7	—	... 0

Fell through, neither horse caring to start for half the stakes.

The XIII Hussars Subalterns' Cup, presented by O. Heywood Jones, Esq., with a whip presented by Captain Maunsell to second horse. A Steeplechase on its terms. Distance $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Mr. Elliott's br w g	Fleetwing	12	3	Owner	... 1
„ Watson's b w m	Countess	12	7	Owner	... 2
„ Constable's ch w g	The Squire	12	7	Owner carried	13st. ... 3
„ Watson's b w g	Lamplighter	12	3	Mr. Blagrove	0
„ Lane's br w g	Jerry	12	7	Owner	... fell.
„ Wheeler's b w g	Springbok	12	7	Did not start.	

Springbok, though colored on the card, was an absentee, having lamed himself on Tuesday. The first fence was negotiated by all five together, the order over the water in front of the stand being Fleetwing, Jerry, Countess, Lamplighter, and The Squire. Immediately after the two last began to drop behind outpaced, Countess, with Fleetwing a length from her, leading over the next three fences. The Squire gradually falling back to keep company with the slow division. At the water, a little more than a mile from home, Jerry fell. Here Fleetwing took up the running, and sailing along at a merry pace, with Countess a couple of lengths behind, took the remainder of the fences in good style, and won rather easily by a length and-a-half, The Squire third, two hundred yards from Countess.

The Little Go Steeplechase. Rs. 150. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Catchweights over 11 st; 7lbs. for Walers, and 10st. 7lbs. for Arabs and Country-breds; 7lbs. allowed for every inch under 13-2, and a penalty of 4lbs. on previous winners. No sex allowance. Entrance Rs. 20. To close and name at noon the day before the race.

Mr. Maitland's	ch w m	Fleur-de-Lis	11 7	Owner	...	1
Major Watson's	ch cb p	Pink	10 11	Mr. Bromfield	...	2
Mr. Constable's	g cb p	Fluke	10 7	Mr. Webb	...	3
Captain Roberts's	b w m	Betsey	11 11	Capt. Humfrey	...	4
Mr. Anderson's	b cb p	Quilp	9 7	Tingey	...	0
Mr. Todd's	b cb g	The Mourner	10 7	Mr. Beadnell	...	0

Pink was quickest on his legs, and led over the first wall, followed by Fleur-de-lis, Fluke and Betsey, Quilp refusing, and The Mourner falling and bolting off the Course. At the third fence Pink ran out and lost a hundred yads, Fleur-de-lis going on first, with Fluke and Betsey following. Before going half a mile further Pink passed Betsey and Fluke and went on second, racing a couple of lengths behind Mr. Maitland's Mare over the last three obstacles, but the pace told on the country-bred at the finish, and the Mare won easily by three or four lengths, Fluke third, some ten lengths from Pink, Betsey fourth.

The Railway Plate.—For all Arabs and Country-breds. C. W. A. C. Previous winners once 5lbs, twice, 9lbs., three times and oftener 12lbs., extra. Maidens of the day allowed 5lbs. Distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. Maitland's	b a h	Navarino	9 12	Owner	...	1
„ Keser's	g a h	Cardigan late				
		Prince Rupert	9 9	Ryder	...	2
„ Watson's	b a h	Rainbow	9 5	Jaffer	...	3
„ Geueste's	g a h	Ugly Buck	9 9	Ram Churn	...	0
Ditto's	g a h	Jack	9 12	scratched.		

Rainbow was the first to show in front, Cardigan, Navarino, and Ugly Buck about a length apart succeeding. After going a quarter of a mile Cardigan went up to Rainbow, Navarino and Ugly Buck maintaining their positions. In this way they ran to the half mile, where Rainbow looked like winning, and Ugly Buck was beaten. Rounding the home turn, Navarino came on the inside, and a splendid set-to between the three took place. Rainbow collapsed at the distance, and Navarino, running with great gameness, won by half a length. Time—2 mins 23secs.

The lotteries on Friday were an improvement on those of the other days, though not as good as one would have expected in so large a station.

Yauathon was the favourite for the Lucknow Handicap, and he justified his backers' confidence by winning cleverly after a good race with Necromancer; Fieldfare, the Calcutta Colonial winner, evidently stiff and short of work, cutting off badly. Three only accepting in the Grand Annual Steeplechase Handicap, Hurricane, 12st.

7lbs., the Hero of the Delhi Great Eastern, Handicap, was regarded as a certainty, though a few good judges fancied the much-improved Fleetwing, with only 11st. to carry, The Squire, 10st., despised by everybody, going to his owner in the lottery for ten rupees. Once more was the glorious uncertainty of the Turf exemplified. The crack ran unkindly from the first, refused at the Irish bank and "Delhi Patent" (two wattle hurdles, eighteen inches apart, filled up with mud and topped with brush) losing some three hundred yards; and Fleetwing following at the Irish bank a mile from home—a fence he had negotiated in good style in his two previous races—the derided outsider was left to canter in alone. The discriminating adjustment of the weight in the Free Handicap for Arabs, Country-breds and Walers under 14-2 produced seven acceptances, all of which, save the Pony Fleur-de-lis, 7st. 12lbs., faced the starter. Mr. Maitland preferring to do battle with Navarino, 9st. 12lbs., Rainbow, 8st. 12lbs., was the favourite; but the Country-bred, Vesper, took him out such a duster that he completely cut his throat in the first half mile, when Navarino came to the front, but was challenged by Cardigan, 9st. 5lbs., at the distance, and beaten after a good race by a couple of lengths. The XIIIth Hussars' Gold Challenge Cup fell an easy prey to the smart Country-bred mare Eva, getting 2st. from Countess, the Steeplechase Waler, nothing else having a show. Necromancer placed the Beaten Handicap to the credit of that good sportsman, Captain Atkinson, the race affording a fine finish between Captain Maunsell and the rider of Priestcraft, who was beaten by half a length. There was a capital distance Handicap race between a host of garrison class Ponies, of which I have no particulars, except that the winner was a 12-1 black Country-bred, named Black Prince, belonging to Mr. Park, of the 18th Royal Irish. And we wound up with a Country-bred Pony Handicap of half a mile, in which little Quilp, getting 7lbs., beat Faugh-a-Ballagh by a head, after a splendid finish between Tingey and Ryder; Pink, ridden by a soldier, a bad third.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 1877.

The Lucknow Handicap. Ra. 500. Distance 1½ miles. A Handicap for all horses.

Mr. Anderson's	g w g	Yanathon	8 5	Tingey	...	1
Capt. Atkinson's	b w g	Necromancer	8 5	Low	...	2
Mr. John's	bik w m	Fieldfare	9 0	Ryder	...	3
Lottery tickets, value	...	...	...	Ra.	1,000	
Yanathon	sold for	...	...	"	320	
Necromancer	"	...	...	"	260	
Fieldfare	"	...	...	"	250	
Total ...					Ra. 1,830	

Yanathon won cleverly by three parts of a length from Necromancer; Fieldfare, twenty lengths off, third. Time—1 min. ; 1min. 27secs. ; 2mins. 52secs.

Lucknow Grand Annual Steeplechase Handicap. Value Rs. 500. Free Handicap, with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 30 for all horses accepting. Distance about 2½ miles.

Mr. Constable's	ch w g	The Squire	10 0	Mr. Lane	... 1
" Geneste's	gr w g	Hurricane	12 7	Capt. Humfrey	banked.
Mr. Elliott's	br w g	Fleetwing	5 yrs. 11 0	Mr. Bromfield	fell.

Lottery tickets, value	...	...	...	Ra.	1,000
Hurricane sold for	...	...	...	"	380
Fleetwing	"	...	...	"	110
The Squire	"	...	...	"	16
Total ...				Ra.	1,500

Fleetwing, with The Squire in close attendance, showed the way to the stand, taking the water quite fifty yards in front of the favourite. So over the in-and-out and post and rails. At the Irish bank by the mile-and-a-half post, Hurricane refused, and again at the succeeding fence, known as the "Delhi Patent," losing some three hundred yards, and all chance of winning. Fleetwing continued with the lead to the second Irish bank, where he fell, and left The Squire to gallop home, and win by a considerable distance from the Delhi crack.

Free Handicap, with Rs. 300 added. All Arabs and Country-breds and Walers under 14 hands 2 inches. Distance ½ mile.

Mr. Keser's	g a h	Cardigan	9 5	Ryder	... 1
" Maitland's	b a h	Navarino	9 12	Owner	... 2
" Watson's	b a h	Rainbow	8 12	Jaffir	... 3
" Webb's	ch c b m	Vesper	9 0	Tingey	... 4
" Park's	ch a h	Gold Dust	7 7		
		carried	7 11	Low	... 0
" Maitland's	ch w m	Fleur-de-lis	7 12	did not start.	

Lottery betting—2 to 1 against Rainbow, 3 to 1 against Navarino 12 to 1 each against Cardigan and Fleur-de-lis, 14 to 1 against Gold Dust, and 20 to 1 against Vesper.

Vesper, followed by Rainbow, cut out the work at a tremendous pace, Navarino and Cardigan lying several lengths behind, with Gold, Dust last. In this way they entered the straight, and by the quarter of a mile post Rainbow was completely choked, and Vesper giving way, Navarino took the lead; but at the distance the grey headed him, and won after a good race rather easily by two lengths, Rainbow third, a neck in front of Vesper. Time—1 min. 27secs.

The 13th Hussars' Gold Subscription Challenge Cup. Distance ½ mile. On its terms.

Capt. Cuthell's	b c b m	Eva	10 11	Mr. Lane	... 1
Mr. Watson's	b w m	Countess	12 4	Owner	... 2
Col. Russell's	ch e m	Alexa	12 4	Capt. Maunsell	3
Mr. Blagrove's	g a h	Knight			
		Templar	10 0	Owner	... 0
Capt. Pryces'	g a h	Mercury	10 0	Owner	... 0

Eva led all the way, and won easily by a length from Countess ; Alexa a bad third. Time—1 min. 27½secs.

The Beaten Handicap. Rs. 200. Distance ¾ mile.

Capt. Atkinson's	b a g	Necromancer	10	7	Capt. Maunsell	1
Mr. Anderson's	ch e g	Priestcraft	9	0	Mr. Maitland	2
Mr. Parks'	b a g	Wizard	—	—	Tingey	3

Wizard cut out the running, but after going a quarter of a mile, was passed successively by Necromancer and Priestcraft, the latter pulling double and waiting at the Waler's quarters. At the distance Necromancer was at the whip, and Priestcraft seemed to have the race in hand, but he cut it in the last hundred yards, and Captain Maunsell, riding with great determination, landed the former a winner by half a length. Time—1min. 23secs.

Pony Handicap. Distance ½ mile. Rs. 100.

——	b cb p	Quilp	10	5	Tingey	... 1
——	ch cb p	Faugh-a-Pallagh	10	12	Ryder	... 2
——	c cb p	Pink	10	4	A soldier	... 3

Quilp led for a quarter of a mile, when Faugh-a-Ballagh joined issue, and the two ran home locked together, the Judge awarding the race to Quilp by a head ; Pink three lengths off.—*The Pioneer*.

BOMBAY RACES, 1877.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1877.

Stewards :

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... P. BENN, Esq.

There was a capital attendance on Saturday to witness the first day's racing. The Byculla Club stand was especially well filled, the fair sex mustering there in great force. Cummoo Sulliman's two stands were also crowded, and there was a goodly attendance at the Stewards' Stand.

The following are the details of the Racing :—

His Highness Aga Khan's Purse. Rs. 500. For all Maiden Arabs. Weight for age. Winners—once, 7lbs. ; twice, 10lbs. oftener, 1 stone extra. Galloways allowed 5lbs. Horses landed after the 1st Setember 1875 allowed 4lbs. Entrance—1st October 1876 Rs. 75 ; 1st January 1877 Rs. 150, when the Race will close. With a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50

for each horse declared to start. Three horses from different stables to start, or the Purse will be withheld. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Major Crosbie's	c a h	Nonpareil	7	6	Gerrard	1
Mr. Abdool Raymon's	b a c	The Prince	7	6	Oomer ...	2
Mr. George's	c a h	Desert Spirit (late E'oile)	9	0	Blackburn	0
Mr. Jones's	c a h	Kitano	9	3	Hackney	0
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	Young Shere Ali	8	9	Brewty	0
Ditto's	c a h	Judge Advocate	9	0	Cassum ...	0
Mr. Aga Moochool Sha's	b a g	Shaheen	8	7	Rowjee ...	0

A good start was effected, Young Shere Ali at once going off with the lead, making the running at a capital pace, the rest being all of a cluster. On emerging from behind the houses, The Prince was seen to be leading but Nonpareil drew up as they came into the straight. Oomer soon afterwards began to ride his horse, but Nonpareil had the race in hand, and won very easily by two lengths. Time—2 mins 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Galloway Handicap. Rs. 300 from the Fund. For all Galloways. Entrance Rs. 50. Rs. 10 for not standing the Handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A. M. the day before the race; the Handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in by 5 P. M. 1 mile.

H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's	b a	Cherub	9	0	Hackney ..	1
Mr. Jones's	b a h	Syrian	10	5	Imam ...	2
„ B's	g a g	Chartreuse	7	12	Blackburn ...	3

On the signal for the start being given, Chartreuse rushed to the front, and made the running at a rare pace; Cherub being second, and Syrian last. In this order they disappeared behind the huts but on coming into the straight, Cherub was seen to have the race in hand, as Hackney was sitting perfectly still, while the other two jockeys were hard at it. Cherub finally won hands down by three lengths, Syrian being a little in advance of Chartreuse. Time—1min. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Drawing-Room Stakes. Rs. 600 from the Fund. A Handicap for all Arabs that have Rs. 500. Entrance Rs. 50. Rs. 10 for not standing the Handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A. M., the day before the race, the handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in by 5 P. M. Three horses from different stables to start, or only two-thirds of the added money will be given. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr. George's	g a h	Nasib	8	0	Blackbnrn ...	1
H. H. Aga Khan's	c a h	Judge Advocate	9	7	Cassum ...	2
Mr. Jones's	c a h	Kitano	9	6	Hackney ...	3
„ Windham's	g a h	Saracen	9	11	Imam ..	0
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	Oghaub	8	9	Brewty ...	0

A capital start was made at the first attempt, all the horses being well together. Saracen, pulling hard, went to the front at first, but Imam pulled him back, and Judge Advocate taking up the running was soon five or six lengths ahead of the rest. In this order they disappeared

behind the huts. On emerging Nasib had improved his position, although Judge Advocate was still leading. On entering the straight Cassum had to use whip and spur to keep his position but Nasib kept on gaining, and as soon as Blackburn called upon him passed his opponent, and won cleverly by a length and a half. Time—3mins 3secs.

The Byculla Club Cup. Rs. 600 from the Fund. A Handicap for all horses that have never won a race where the added money has exceeded Rs. 750. Entrance Rs. 50 Rs. 10 for not standing the Handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A.M. the day before the race, the Handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in by 5 P.M. Three horses from different stables to start or only two-thirds of the added money will be given. 1½ miles.

Mr. Covey's b w m Blue Mantle ... w. o.

The Hack Stakes. Rs. 250 from the Fund with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 30, for all hacks. Weight for age and class raised 1 stone. Winners of any race where the added money has been Rs. 200 or upwards—once, 5lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. extra. G. R. Professionals allowed to ride, carrying 5lbs. extra. Winner to be sold for Rs. 600; any surplus above the selling price to go to the Fund. To close and name the day before the race. ¾ mile.

Colonel Chesshyre's g a h Farewell (late Seawoosh) ... w. o.

The Statesman.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 1877.

Yesterday, the attendance in the Club Verandah and on the Course was not so numerous as on Saturday, but still a large number of persons were present. Each event on the Programme produced a contest, and those who were in attendance witnessed an excellent afternoon's sport. On this occasion the order of the day was reversed, the favourites winning in the majority of cases.

The Derby. Rs. 800 from the Fund. For all Maiden Arabs. Weight for age. Winners before the day of the race—once, 5lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. extra. Entrances—1st October 1876, Rs. 50; 1st December 1876, Rs. 100; 1st January 1877, Rs. 150; when the race will close. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start. 1½ mile.

Mr. Abdool Raymon's	b a c	The Prince	7	10	Omer	... 1
Major Crosbie's	c a h	Nonpareil	8	1	Finch	... 2
H. H. Aga Khan's	c a h	Judge Advocate	9	2	Cassum	... 3
Ditto	b a h	Young Shere Ali	8	9	Brewty	... 0.
Mr. Jones's	c a h	Kitauo	9	5	Hackney	... 0
" Windham's	g a h	Sam late Guiding Star	8	9	Imam	... 0

Young Shere Ali went off with the lead, and he kept in front for a considerable portion of the round; but was a gradually overhauled by The Prince and Nonpareil who came in respectively. The Prince first by two lengths, Nonpareil second. Judge Advocate was a bad third. Time—3mins. 1sec.

The Forbes Stakes. Rs. 1,000 from the Fund. A handicap for all horses. Entrance Rs. 75. Rs. 15 for not standing the handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A. M., the day before the race, the handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in 5 P. M. Three horses from different stables to start, or only half the added money will be given. 2 miles.

H. H. The Maharaja

of Jodhpore's	bk e h Crown Prince	9	7	Finch	...	1
Mr. Thomas's	bk w h Raven	9	0	Donaldson	2	
Maharaja Khusore Sing's	c aus g Fireman	7	2	Gerrard	...	3
Major Farewell's	b aus g Oliver Twist	8	10	Blackburn	0	

Fireman made the running at the start, and Raven and Crown Prince lay second and close up. This order was maintained till they went out of sight. When they came into the straight, Crown Prince, Raven, and Fireman were all close together, but it was evident from his easy going that the first-named had it well in hand. He finally came in the easiest of winners, Raven being second and Fireman third. Oliver Twist was never in the race at all. Time—3 min. 53 secs.

The Cowasjee Jehangeer Purse. Rs. 300 from the Fund. For all Arabs. $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile. Entrances Rs. 30. If to be sold for Rs. 800 to carry 8st. 7lbs.; 4lbs. to be added or deducted for every Rs. 100. The winner to be sold by public auction. Any surplus to go to the Fund. To close at 9 P. M.

Colonel Chesshyre's	g a h Farewell late					
	Seawoosh	7	13	Donaldson	1	
Mr. Jones's	b a h Cherub	7	13	Gerrard	2	
„ Aga Moochool Sha's	b a h Shaheen	8	3	Brewty	0	
H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's	g a h Saracen	8	3	Brown	0	
Mr. B's	w a g Chartreuse	7	5	Oomer	0	

A very good race between Cherub and and Farewell, the latter of whom won by a head. Time—1 min. 27½ secs.

The Mansfield Stakes.—Rs. 1,000 from the Fund. Handicap for all Arabs. Entrance Rs. 75. Rs. 15 for not standing the Handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A.M. the day before the Race, the Handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in by 5 P.M. There horses from different stables to start or only half the added money will be given. 1½ miles.

Mr. Abdool Raymon's	b a h Merrylegs	10	0	Hackney	...	1
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h Lachin	9	10	Brewty	...	2
H. H. the Nawab of Jowrah's	b a h Syrian	9	7	Imam	...	3
Mr. George's	g a h Nasib	7	12	Blackburn	...	0
Major Crosbie's	g a h Dutchman	9	2	Finch	...	0
Mr. Covey's	b a h Marquis	10	0	Vinall	...	0
„ Jones's	c a h Kitano	8	3	Donaldson	...	0

Merrylegs, in spite of the weight, was a strong favourite, though some backers fancied Nasib. Merrylegs took up the running at once, and keeping well in hand throughout, won easily hands down. Nasib ran well and looked well in it for three quarters of the distance, but in the run home, he failed. Lachin made a game fight of it, but could not get in front of Merrylegs, who won by two lengths apparently without effort. Syrian was third, and Nasib fourth. Time—3 mins. 30 secs.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

This evening's racing brought the Annual Meeting, such as it has been, to a close. The programme comprised six events, but only four were contested, and one of them, the match between Seewoosh and Chartreuse, was a very hollow affair—the former simply cantering in, while two were walk-overs; the three others, however, made ample amends to the spectators in producing good fields and first-rate finishes; the 2nd Dealers being as pretty a sight as one could wish to see.

There was a very good attendance in the balcony of the Ryculla Club, the fair sex being well represented; the Grand Stand of Jaffir was fairly filled, while the great unwashed mustered in great force.

The Arab Beaten Plate.—Rs. 300 from the fund, A handicap open to the beaten Arabs of the meeting. Entrance Rs. 50. Rs. 25 for not standing the handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A. M. the day before the race, the handicap to be declared by noon, and acceptances to be sent in with the other nominations of the day. 1½ mile.

H. H. Aga Khan's	c a h	Judge Advocate	8 12	Cassum ...	1
Mr. Jones's	c a h	Kitano	8 3	Donaldson	2
Major Crosbie's	g a h	Dutchman	9 2	Finch ...	3
Mr. George's	g a h	Desert Spirit	7 12	Blackburn	0
H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's	b a h	Syrian	7 8	Imam ...	0

After one false start, the whole got away fairly together, when Judge Advocate rushed to the front and made the running up to the mile post, when he was challenged by Kitano. The latter now took the lead forward three lengths up to the Dhobies' corner, the others well up, Dutchman waiting. Nearing Pallonjee's the whole were seen to have fallen again together, which position they maintained to the turn home, when the race appeared to belong to any of them. At the distance, however, Kitano and Judge Advocate emerged from the ruck, and there were shouts now its one's and then the other's. The last named staying the longest was ultimately landed the winner, beating the other about half a length, the others well up. Time—3mins. 1sec.

A Match. Half mile. Rs. 100.

Colonel Chesahyre's	g a h	Farewell, late Seewoosh	10 7	...	1
	w a h	Chartreuse	9 0	...	2

Farewell when called upon, came away from his companion, and won in a common canter.

The Second Dealers' Plate.

H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	Asfundiar	8 9	Brewtey ...	1
Mr. Alibin Amir's	b a c	Wyale	8 5	Finch ...	2
" Alibin Amir's	b a c	Najeeb	8 2	Donaldson ...	3
" Hajee Talob's	g a h	Subceeh	8 12	Rowjee ...	4
" Abdool Raymon's	b a h	Saunterer	8 12	Vinall ..	5
" A. R. Dubakel's	b a h	Dahman	8 13	Cassum ...	0
" Ahmed Advanee's	c a h	Nazzar	9 4	Gerrard ...	0
Capt. Davison's	b a g	Knight of Garter	8 9	Oomer ...	0
Mr. Jones's	g a c	Trump	8 8	Hackney ...	0
" B's	b a p	Bantam	8 4	Blackburn ...	0
Col. Chesshyre's	na b a h	Allan Moore	9 4	Mr. Elliot ...	0

With a good start they were off, and kept together to the mile post, when Asfundiar went to the front and improved it by some three lengths, the others being in a cluster behind. Emerging from the Dhobies' corner, it was seen that Trump now led the van to Pallonjee's, when he was again challenged by Asfundiar, Najeeb and Allan Moore, Nazzar being out of the race. A fine race ensued between the three former and Saunterer, all of the riders being hard at work, but Asfundiar gradually forged ahead and was victorious, Wyale a good second, with Najeeb, Trump and Saunterer well up. Time—2mins. 32secs.

The Arab Winner's Handicap. Rs. 750 from the fund. For all Arabs. Forced for winners at Rs. 50 for each race won; optional to losers at an entrance of Rs. 50, Rs. 25 for not standing the handicap. Nominations of losers to be sent in by 7 A. M. the day before the race. The handicap to be declared by noon, and declarations as to starting by 5 P. M. 2 miles.

Mr. Abdool Raymon's	b a c	The Prince	7 8	Oomer ...	1
Mr. George's	g a h	Nasib	7 12	Blackburn	2
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	Lachin	9 10	Brewtey ...	3
Major Crosbie's	c a h	Nonpareil	7 6	Rowjee ...	4
Do.	g a h	Dutchman	8 12	Finch ...	5
Mr. Jones's	c a h	Kitano	7 12	Donaldson	0
" B's	b a g	Cherub	8 7	... ..	0

Nonpareil made the running for the first three quarters of a mile when he gave way to the Prince, who had been playing the waiting game, and though the others, with the exception of Cherub, tried to wrest the lead from him, their efforts were unsuccessful, though Blackburn on Nasib made a grand rush at the distance. Time 4mins. 1 sec.

The Beaten Plate. Rs. 300 from the fund. A handicap open to the beaten horses of the meeting, except Arabs. Entrance Rs. 50. Rs. 25 for not standing the handicap. Nominations to be sent in by 7 A. M. the day before the race, the handicap to be declared by noon

and acceptances to be sent in with the other nominations of the day. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Maharaja Khusore Sing's c a u s g Fireman ... w. o.

The Winners' Handicap. Rs. 750 from the fund. For all horses, except Arabs. Forced for winners at Rs. 50 for each race won; optional to losers at an entrance of Rs. 50. Rs. 25 for not standing the handicap. Nominations of losers to be sent in by 7 A.M. the day before the race, the handicap to be declared by noon, and declarations as to starting by 5 P.M. 2 miles.

H. H. The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b k e h Crown Prince w. o.

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BOMBAY STEEPLECHASES, 1877.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The first day's meeting of the above took place on the Flats between Mahaluxmi and Worlee on Saturday evening last. A large concourse of European spectators gathered to witness them, the ridge being occupied by a great number of carriages containing ladies, while many a fair equestrian with her attendant cavalier could be seen galloping about securing every point of vantage to view the going. That the *jungle* (or wild) races are very popular with the natives, could be plainly perceived by the countless streams of them pouring in from all directions by the railway and on foot.

Polo Pony Steeplechase.—About 1 mile.

Mr. Forbe's	g cb	Balak	10	7	Capt. Hogg	... 1
Mr. B's	b cb p	Donald	10	7	Gerrard	... 0
Sir T. Thompson's	g ch m	Wiry Sal	10	7	Owner	... 0

Balak was first over, and taking all his fences, came in as he liked. Donald refused the first hurdle twice and fell at the third time. Wiry Sal was prevented going over by Donald twice baulking under her very nose and when at last she did get over it was too late, and she was pulled up.

Grand Annual Steeplechase. About two miles.

Mr. Elliot's	b w g	Touchstone	10	11	Owner	... 1
Capt. Hogg's	b w g	Storm Wave	10	11	Ditto	... 2
Mr. Ewart's	b w m	Reckless late Fashion	10	11	—	... 0

Storm Wave and Touchstone took all their fences side by side, neither gaining on the other, for the first time round, till the last big wall and drop, when the former fell. Though his rider speedily remounted he could not catch the other who had made considerable ground and came in a long way ahead. Reckless, who did not belie her name, refused the first hurdle, and on being forced over that and the second, refused the next.

Bombay Hunt Steeplechase. About two miles.

Capt. Hogg's	b a h	Pirate	10 0	Owner ...	... 1
Mr. Steel's	g a h	Bluebell	10 12	Mr. Farran	... 0
" P's	b a g	Brigadier	9 11	Owner ...	... 0
" Adair's	g a h	Uncle John	10 0	Mr. Elliot	... 0
" B's	b a g	Cherub	10 0	Brown ...	... 0

All took the first and second fences in good style, but at the third Bluebell thought his place was this side of the hedge. Over the fourth the Pirate and Brigadier were leading a long way ahead of the others with Cherub next, but here the latter fell, and so lost ground a little. Uncle John also came to grief. The two next fences were taken together by Pirate and Brigadier, and the latter then shot his bolt. Cherub meanwhile had been making up ground, and before the next jump had collared the solitary rover, who both took it, the wall and the next fence, simultaneously, but coming to the drop Cherub cooked his goose, and so Pirate sailed away alone, but not in solitude, as testified by the ovation he received from the crowds at the remaining jumps.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1877,

This afternoon's racing brought the meeting to a close. The attendance to witness it was very good, but regret that as much cannot be said with regard to sport. Three events were put down on the card. For the first three ponies were entered, the second five horses, and the last three ponies. There was only one accident, and that fortunately turned out nothing serious. Cossack had done all the rest of his work in a creditable manner, but at the last but one fence from home a wall, blundered at it and turned completely over on the other side, falling upon his rider. Mr. Benn, though partially stunned, was soon lifted up on his legs again, not much the worse, having a few cuts on the face.

For all Maiden Ponies. Weight for inches. 13 hands 2 inches to carry 11 stone. Ponies that have never started allowed 4lbs. About 1½ mile.

Mr. George's	b p	Balaam	10 10	Mr. Ewart	... 1
" Mushet's	b p	Wee Pet	10 10	Owner	... 0
" B's	b p	Donald	9 10	Mr. Farran	... 0

Donald and Wee Pet having refused the first fence and bolted off the course Balaam taking all his fences came in as he liked.

The Bombay Club Cup. For Arabs the property of Members of the Bombay Club and Bombay Hunt. Weight for inches. 14 hands to carry 10st. 7lbs.

Mr. Adair's	g a h	Uncle John	10 10	Mr. Elliot	... 1
" George's	b a g	Chilblain	10 5	" Ewart	... 2
" Crawford's	c a h	Cock Robin	11 4	" Tobin	... 0
" Robert's	g a g	Cossack	10 7	" Benn	... 0
" Wyndham's	g a g	Vanguard	10 1	" Farran	... 0

Cock Robin and Vanguard refused the first jump, and could not be got over. The three others took all the jumps to the turn home: Chilblain

a great way in rear of Cossack and Uncle 'ohn, who were taking their fences side by side, but at the second jump home the former fell, the latter thus coming in alone.

Mr. George's Balaam	...	...	...	...	1
Mr. B.'s Donald	...	...	...	...	2

A good-race between Balaam and Donald, the former winning by half a length.

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CALCUTTA SPRING MEETING, 1877.

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It was a wise step on the part of the Calcutta Stewards to endeavour to wipe out the memory of the sad failure which attended their efforts in the way of sport at the last regular Meeting by a Spring reunion. To make up for the poor sport the Subscribers got for their money in December last no charge was made for admission to the stand, &c., and cards were given free on this occasion. It is to be hoped that the feelings of the grumblers were soothed thereby, and that the impression which seemed to have taken hold of the residents of Calcutta at the end of 1876, that sport is a thing of the past in the City of Palaces, has now been completely dispelled by the success of the two days' Racing just concluded. The Meeting was rather hurriedly got up, though it is doubtful, with so few horses in these parts at present, if an earlier announcement would have had the effect of swelling the list of entries; but it was a pity that Hurricane and The Sweep with Rival, Firetail and Flight could not have met in the Great Spring Hurdle Race, a novelty on the Calcutta Course, which, we hope, is only the inauguration of a regular series of contests of this description, as they invariably find favor with the general public, and impart a spirit to an afternoon's sport which a long succession of flat races fails to do completely. At this season of the year any reference to the weather is not needed, of course it was a fine day, and the company mustered in great force owing, no doubt, to the presence of His Excellency the Viceroy and Lady Lytton, and they were well repaid for the trouble of a drive to the Course by sufficiently exciting contests in all the races.

With a State entry up the Course *after* the first race any unpunctuality at starting with a Hurdle Race was a trifle rash, nevertheless it was a quarter of an hour late when a commencement was made with three runners for the first big Hurdle Race, not the last we hope by a good many, ever run on the Calcutta Course; the articles of the race were well-arranged, considering it is now quite the back end of the season, and owners had the chance of handicapping their horses themselves, and the weights shewed that they had done their best to

puzzle the public ; still the talent stuck to Chang, Gameboy's frequent mishaps over timber having led to the idea that he was useless in a race of this sort, while poor Red Eagle's frequent failures of late reduced the number of his supporters to a minimum. The race was run at a good pace throughout, and after patiently waiting for over $\frac{1}{2}$ of the journey, Mr. Johnson landed the grand son of King Alfred a clever winner from the unlucky Red Eagle who

“like the hindmost chariot wheel is curst ;
Still to be near, but ne'er to be the first.”

The two hurdles in the straight had scarcely been removed when the Government House Cortège arrived at the bottom of the rails, and His Excellency's party had not long to wait for the Whim Plate which followed, for which four runners were weighed out, and these racked the brains of the speculators more than ever ; the conditions, which we commend to the notice of Honorary Secretaries generally, appearing to give every one of them a chance.

There is no doubt that the proper sphere of action for Racing Waler Galloways and Ponies,—now a rather numerous and daily increasing class, is to oppose Country-breds and Arabs of any size ; if Arab Galloways like to go in, let them have their weight for inches, and races up-country on the terms of this ought to produce many a good field and close contest. It was a mistake, or perhaps we ought to say an oversight, not raising the Calcutta Turf Club standard, 7lbs. or a stone, a course which would have given every horse a chance of European assistance, to say nothing of having ensuring the proper weights being up. The race was an exciting one, the great leathering Geraldine, only just beating the Calcutta Derby winner, (whose jockey disposed of any chance he had at the start) in the last hundred yards.

Only three turned out for the Criterion, a race which again taxed the penetration of backers ; all being fancied, the winner the least of the three. He ran big on this occasion, too big to be backed some thought, but the time shows that this should have been the way to bring him out to win the Colonials. Five good Ponies then made short work of a half mile “scuffle.” Overture's success in which makes him one of more than ordinary merit, a Waler of some character, two inches higher, failing to beat him at seven pounds. Kunwa, who ran third should be watched ; she is a neat little mare and is bound to make her mark at the Annandale Weekly Gymkhana, or at other places where quarter mile heats without dismounting are in vogue. This wound up the first day, and on the following Tuesday—(brought on from the original fixture of Wednesday, because of a General Holiday)—a goodly attendance was again assembled ; two races for timber top-pers being among the attractions provided on the card. The Handicappers, who had devoted a long morning to the compilation of the weights, must be congratulated on the exciting results of their labors, every event in the course of the afternoon being closely contested. The struggle for the first event was a splendid one, and though defeated, Mr. Johnson and his favorite were not disgraced by Gameboy's hard won victory, the latter's gallop over “the sticks” on Saturday in Robertson's hands having made him a good stone better than he was before, and had he run like this on Saturday he would very nearly have won,—if not quite.—then.

The field of local cracks competing for the Second Merchants' Cup, (a balance remaining over from the contributions of the Calcutta Merchants to the Cup at the last Meeting,) though sadly reduced in numbers from what had been expected, produced another most interesting race, and had Mr. Choter taken the (very ordinary) precaution of adding a breast-plate to his mare's "tackle" the professional on her might have been able to win him the Cup, as it was the plucky and on this occasion lucky, Badger added another chalk to his winning score. The handicap which came next treated us to a sight seen alas! but rarely in Calcutta now-a-days except at the Monsoon Sky Meetings, viz., a field of eight in opposition. Kirby was most fancied, notwithstanding all his weight, while Fisherboy, Glengarry, Royal and Moleskin all met with support. The race was a strong run one, and after Maori, mistaken by many for the winner from the similarity of colors, had retired, Fisherboy looked all over a winner till Tingey, when well round the turn, drove his horse to the front and won in gallant style, a heap of them finishing all together close behind him. The excitement over this had scarcely cooled, when the starter took the lot in hand for the Handicap of Galloways, Arabs and Country-breds and another good fight resulted in favor of Kathleen beating Orange, whose head had been ridden off all the way round, after a close race up to the distance. A claim of a cross on the part of Orange's rider was investigated with that care and impartiality which is a feature of Calcutta Racing decisions and disallowed by the Stewards, a decision with which it is impossible not to concur. The essential point in a cross is that the horse said to cross interferes with the other, which decidedly was not the case here; indeed could the tracks of both horses be accurately traced, we should be surprised if it was not Orange that crossed in the "wake" of Geraldine under the punishment he was getting at the time. One fact, however was proved in the race and that is that Orange is a most valuable Galloway. The Hack Race which followed was comparatively devoid of interest and Polly never gave her opponents the ghost of a chance. This brought a very good afternoon's sport to a conclusion and the Committee are to be congratulated on the success of their spring venture throughout.

The lotteries held as usual, by kind permission of the Calcutta Cricket Club, at their Pavilion, in the Eden Gardens, were fairly successful, but the Billiard Champion's nightly séances proved too powerful a counter-attraction for more than one night's gambling for each day's racing. The results of the lotteries we give below:—

On Friday evening, the 23rd February, 1877.

No. 1. The Great Spring Hurdle Race.				Rs.
100 tickets, @ Rs. 10 each	1,000
Red Eagle sold for	100
Chang	"	450
Gameboy	"	170
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				1,720
Loss 5 per cent.				86
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Nett Rs.				1,634

No. 2. Pony Handicap.

101 tickets, at Rs. 10 each	1,010
Quicksilver sold for	120
Donald	"	...	20
Kunwa	"	...	50
Sultan	"	...	40
Overture	"	...	400

 1,640

 Less 5 per cent. 82

 Nett Rs. ... 1,558

No. 3. The Whim Plate.

113 tickets, at Rs. 10 each	...	...	1,130
Ooloo sold for	...	...	250
Geraldine	"	...	250
Bantam	"	...	30
Orange	"	...	470

 Less 5 per cent. ... 2,130
 107

 Nett Rs. ... 2,023

No. 4. Double Event.—Hurdle Race and Criterion.

131 tickets, at Rs. 10 each	...	...	1,310
Kirby and Chang sold for	...	...	460
" " Gameboy	...	...	140
" " Red Eagle	...	...	150
Royal and Chang	...	...	100
" " Gamboy	...	...	70
" " Red Eagle	...	...	100
Glengarry and Chang	...	...	500
" " Gameboy	...	...	120
" " Red Eagle	...	...	100

 3,050

 Less 5 per cent. ... 153

Nett Rs. ... 2,897

On Monday evening, the 26th Febraury.

No. 1.—The Handicap Hurdle Race.

Rs.

100 Tickets, at Rs. 10	...	...	...	1,000
Chang sold for	...	...	...	560
Gameboy „	...	...	...	320
Red Eagle „	...	...	...	310

2,190

Less 5 per cent. 110

Nett value Rs. 2,080

No. 2.—The 2nd Merchant's Cup.

110 Tickets, at Rs. 10	...	...	...	1,100
The Badger sold for	...	..	...	370
Grey Friar „	...	...	...	240
Mariner „	..	...	...	230
Mignonette „	...	...	...	60
Bella „	...	...	...	50

2,050

Less 5 per cent. 103

Nett value Rs. 1,947

No. 3.—One Mile Handicap.

110 Tickets, at Rs. 10	...	...	...	1,100
Glengarry sold for	...	...	...	150
Royal	...	...	...	100
Kirby	...	...	...	500
Fisherboy	...	...	...	240
Snowdrop	...	...	...	20
Moleskin	...	...	...	20
Actress	...	...	...	30
Maori	...	...	...	0

2,220

Less 5 per cent. 111

Total value Rs. 2,109

No. 4.—Galloway Handicap.

102 Tickets, at Rs. 10 each	...	...
Kathleen sold for	...	...	...
Slowcoach	"	...	...
Ooloo	"	...	...
Orange	"	...	...
			1,780
		Less 5 per cent.	89
		Nett value Rs.	1,691

No. 5. Double Event.—Hurdle Race and Scurry.

80 Tickets, at Rs. 10	...	...	...	800
Gameboy and Maria Monk sold for	...	...	...	10
" " Prince	"	...	...	0
" " Polly	"	...	...	20
Chang " Maria Monk	"	...	...	40
" " Prince	"	...	...	30
" " Polly	"	...	...	380
Red Eagle " Maria Monk	"	...	...	30
" " Prince	"	...	...	0
" " Polly	"	...	...	30
				1,340
		Less 5 per cent.		67
		Nett value Rs.		1,273

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1877.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

The Great Spring Hurdle Race. Rs. 800 from the Fund, with Rs. 100 for the second, if seven run.

For all horses. C. T. C. Weight for age and class raised one stone, Winners of any Hurdle Race or Steeplechase—once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.. three times or oftener one stone extra. Winners on the Flat—once; 3lbs., twice or oftener 5lbs. extra (over and above other penalties.)

N.B.—(Handicaps included in computation of winnings.) Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. The winner of this race is liable to be claimed for Rs. 3,000 by any one running a horse in the race. 5lbs. allowed, if entered to be sold for Rs. 2,500; 10lbs. for Rs. 2,000; 15lbs. for Rs. 1,500, and 20lbs. for Rs. 1,000. Can be entered not to be sold by carrying one stone extra. R. C. and a distance over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance Rs. 16 each, with a Starting Stake of Rs. 32 for all declared to start. Eight to enter and five to run or only Rs. 500 will be given.

Mr. Johnson's	b aus g	Chang aged not to be sold	11 11	Owner	.. 1
„ Edward's	b aus g	Red Eagle aged Rs. 1,000	9 5	Cozens	.. 2
„ John's	b eng g	Gameboy aged „ 1,500	10 3	Robertson	.. 3

Only Rs. 500 was added to this Race.

Red Eagle led over the first five hurdles when Chang, who had been kept a long way in the rear, and Gameboy drew up and the lot jumped the final hurdle in line; from this point Chang gradually drew away and won almost easily, by three parts of a length. Time—3mins. 55secs.

The Whim Plate. Of Rs 500. For all Arabs and Country-breds, and for horses of other classes which do not measure over 14 hands.

C. T. C. weight for age and class. 4lbs. allowed for every half inch under 14 hands. Winners—once, 4lbs.; twice or oftener, 7lbs. extra. A winner of a race value Rs. 1,000 at any one time 5lbs. extra (over and above other penalties). One mile. Entrance Rs. 16 each, with a Starting Stake of Rs. 32 each.

Mr. John's	ch ch m	Geraldine	5 yrs. 15 hds.	7 8	car. 7 11	Native	1
Sheikh Esau bin Curtas's	b a gal	Orange	4 yrs. 13-8	5 13	car. 6 5	„	2
Mr. Johnson's	gr aus m	Ooloo	4 yrs. 13-3	8 10	—	Tingey	3
„ Armstrong's	ch a h	Bantam	aged 14-1½	6 7	car. 7 4	Native	4

After one failure they got away well together excepting Orange (who was held at the post by a man on foot for some seconds after the rest had started). Ooloo going to the front and making the running for the first quarter when Geraldine and Orange joined her and this pair led for the rest of the journey. Geraldine winning a pretty race by about a length.—Time 1 min. 54 secs.

The Criterion Stakes. Rs. 600 from the Fund. For all horses. O. T. C. weight for age and class. Winners—once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; three times or oftener one stone extra. A winner of any Race to which Rs. 1,000 was added—once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times or oftener 10lbs. extra (over and above all other penalties.) Maidens allowed, if 4 years or under 3lbs.; 5 or upwards 5lbs.; Maidens of the day 7lbs.; in addition. Round the Course. Entrance Rs. 16, with a Starting Stake of Rs. 32 for all declared to start.

Mr. Dignum's	b aus g	Kirby	6 years 8 4	(7lbs. landing allowance)	car. 8 8	Tingey	1
„ Johnson's	br aus g	Royal	aged 10 1	(including 18lbs extra)		Cozens	2
„ John's	br aus h	Glengarry	aged 10 0	(including 14lbs. extra)		Bedasey	3

Kirby cut out the work at a slow pace up to the mile post where he was joined by the others who headed him in the next quarter of a mile. At the turn for home he again went up and quitting Royal within the distance won by a length, the pace having been very good for the last 7 furlongs. Time 3 min. 18½ secs.

Pony Handicap. Rs. 100 from the Fund. ½ mile. All Ponies 13-2 and under. Entrance Rs. 5 each for all accepting.

Handicap to be published at 8 A.M., 23rd February. Acceptances the same evening at the Ordinary.

Mr. Johnson's	b cb g	Overture	13 hands	11 0	Owner	.. 1
„ E. T. Roberts's	br aus g	Quicksilver	13-2	11 7	Mr. Latham	.. 2
„ John's	gr cb h	Sultan	13 hands	10 0	Bedasey	.. 3
„ Arthur's	b aus g	Donald	13 hands	10 0	Mr. Ullok	.. 0
„ Rose's	gr cb n	Kunwa	13 hands	9 10	Tingey	.. 0

Mr. George's Bobby (late Last Shot) 9-10 was entered but did not arrive at the post in time.

They got away at the second attempt in line excepting Quicksilver who did not seem to wish to begin. Kunwa rushed to the front and had a lead of some lengths as they entered the rails where Overture and Quicksilver overhauled her, the former winning easily in 59secs.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

Handicap Hurdle Race. Rs. 600 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each for all accepting. $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles over 9 flights of Hurdles. 3 Subscribers.

Mr. John's	b eng g	Gameboy	9 0	Robertson	... 1
„ Johnson's	b aus g	Chang	12 0	Owner	... 2
„ Edwards'	b aus g	Red Eagle	9 0	Cozens	... 3

Red Eagle led for the first mile and a quarter, Gameboy second and Chang waiting some lengths behind the Irish horse. At the half mile post Gameboy drew up to Red Eagle and shortly afterwards assumed the command Chang passing Red Eagle as they went up to the last hurdle. At the half distance Chang closed with Gameboy, and a splendid race home resulted in the latter's favor by $\frac{1}{4}$ a length. Time—4 min. 30 secs.

The 2nd Merchant's Cup. Rs. 400. Handicap Hurdle Race for horses 15 hands and under, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 10 each for all accepting. R. C. and a distance, over 7 flights. 5 Subscribers.

Mr. Bobstick's	gr aus g	The Badger	12 0	Mr. Gateacre	1
„ E T. Roberts's	gr aus g	Grey Friar	10 2	Robertson	... 2
„ Choter's	b aus m	Mignonette	10 0	Cozens	... 0

N. B.—The winner of this race can receive Rs. 400 in specie, or choose a cup value Rs. 400 at any of the silversmiths' firms in Calcutta.

Grey Friar led over the first hurdle, The Badger second, and Mignonette last; this order was maintained up to the last hurdle but one where Grey Friar made some mistake and The Badger looked like "walking" in. Mignonette, however, well ridden by Cozens, gradually drew up to the grey and was level at the bottom of the Stand where she began kicking under the whip and her saddle slipping back, The Badger won easily, Cozens being forced to dismount.

Handicap for all Horses. One mile. Rs. 600 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each for all accepting. 8 Subscribers.

Mr. Dignum's	b aus g	Kirby	10 6	Tingey	... 1
" Innes's	b aus g	Fisherboy	9 8	Cozens	... 2
" Johnson's	br aus g	Royal	11 4	Owner	... 3
" John's	br aus h	Glengarry	11 4	Badesi	... 0
" Morgan's	b aus g	Maori	9 10	Fitzgerald	... 0
" Makellar's	br aus g	Moleskin	9 8	Mr. Abbott	... 0
" Innes's	b aus m	Snowdrop	8 8	Robertson	... 0
" Henry's	b aus m	Actress	8 0	Native	... 0

After 2 failures, owing to the fractiousness of Actress, the flag was dropped to a beautiful start, Actress only being slightly behind the others in the first 20 yards. Maori took command and let them along at a merry pace to the half mile post his immediate attendants being Fisherboy, Royal, Glengarry and Snowdrop, Kirby lying back. As they rounded the turn for home Maori dropped back beaten and Fisherboy led into the straight, Royal, Snowdrop, and Glengarry in line close up; half way up the rails Kirby came through his horses and won a pretty race home by a length and a half from Fisherboy who was about $\frac{1}{2}$ a length in advance of Royal; heads and necks separating the last named, Snowdrop, Glengarry, and Moleskin. Time—1 min. 48 secs.

Handicap for all Galloways, Arabs, and Country-breds. R. C. Rs. 400 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each for all accepting.

Mr. Fred's	br cb m	Kathleen	10 4	Tingey	... 1
Sheik Esaubin Curtas's	b a gal	Orange	8 5	Native	... 2
Mr. Abbott's	b cb m	Slowcoach	9 8	Owner	... 3
" Johnson's	gr aus m	Ooloo	9 3	Robertson	4
" G. Armstrong's	ch a h	Bantam feather	—	Native	... 5

Geraldine 11st. did not accept.

They got off at the first attempt in line and Orange immediately assumed a long lead, Slowcoach second, Ooloo and Bantam next, Kathleen last. At the mile post Orange still had a ten lengths lead, Slowcoach second, Ooloo (pulling double) third, with Kathleen at her quarters. This order was not altered till they began to turn into the run in when Slowcoach retired and Kathleen and Ooloo closed with the Arab who soon afterwards hung out signals of distress and was passed by Kathleen just within the distance; Kathleen winning by 2 lengths easily, four lengths between second and third. Bantam walked in with the crowd. Time—3 min. 34 secs.

Scurry Stakes. Rs. 150. For all Hacks. Catch-weights over 11st. Half a mile. Entrance, Rs. 5 P. P.

Capt. Grant's	b aus m	Polly	Bedasey	... 1
Mr. Bertie's	b aus g	Prince	Mr. Johnson	... 2
" Monk's	b aus m	Maria Monk	Cozens	... 3

Polly made play throughout and won hard held by 10 lengths.

RACES TO COME.

MHOW RACES, 1877.

Entries on 1st February, 1877.

GALLOWAY HANDICAP.

Mr. Jones'	b a g Cherub.
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THE HUSSAR CUP.

Mr. Forbes'	g a h Amir.
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HANDICAP FOR ALL HORSES. 1st Day.

H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	b e h Cock-a-hoop.
H. H. The Maharajah Kissore Singh's	c a u s g ...	... Fireman.
Mr. Norman's	bl k w g ...	... Glengarry.

HANDICAP FOR ALL HORSES. 2nd Day.

H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	b e h ...	... Cock-a-hoop.
H. H. The Maharajah Kishore Sing's	c a u s g Fireman.
Mr. Norman's	bl k w g Glengarry.

THE STARKEY CUP.

Mr. Forbes'	g a h Amir.
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THE JOWRAH PURSE.

Mr. Jones'	c a h Kitano.
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THE MHOW STEEPLECHASE.

Major Crosbie's	b w g Touchit.
Mr. Hotham's	bn w m Empress.
„ Elton's	r w g ...	... Pot-8-os.

The 3rd Entries close on the 1st March, 1877.

FRED. LUKIN,

Hony. Secy., Mhow Races.

WELLINGTON RACES, 1877.

First Entrances:

THE MAIDEN PURSE.

Mr. Aubery's	c w g	..	Telegram.
" Goodrich's	w m	...	Mayfly.
" Covey's	br w g	...	Touchstone.
" Pilgrim's	b w g	...	Lottery.
H. H. The Mahara jah Pertab Sing's	—	..	Pegasus.

THE WELLINGTON DERBY.

Mr. B.'s	b a c	...	Scamp.
Aga Alli Asker's	c a c	..	Liverpool.
Ditto	b a c	...	Munchikof.
Mr. Herbert's	g a h	...	Child of the Desert.
Ditto	c cb g	...	The Rake.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	—	...	Iron Duke.
Mr. H. B.'s	g a h	...	The Panther.
Ditto	b a g	...	Lottery.
Mr. Morgan's	b cb f	...	Maid of the Mist
" Dunbar's	b cb f	...	Flora.

THE WELTER.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	...	Dick Turpin.
Major Farwell's	b w g	...	Oliver Twist.
Colonel Warrington's	b w m	...	Sweetbriar.
Mr. Aubery's	c w g	...	Telegram.
" Goodrich's	—	...	Mayfly.
" Covey's	b w m	...	Blue Mantle.
Do.	b w g	...	Hunter.
Ochterlony Confederacy's	b w g	...	Blackbird.
Mr. Pilgrim's	b w h	...	The Secret.

TRIAL STAKES.

Mr. Covey's	b w g	...	Hunter.
" Pilgrim's	b w h	...	Lord Clifden.
Do.	b w g	...	Trumpator.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	br e h	...	Crown Prince.

THE WELCOME PURSE.

Mr. B.'s	b a c	...	Scamp.
Aga Alli Aaker's	c a h	...	Akbar.
"	g a h	...	Hadjee.
Col. Warrington's	b a h	...	Sirmust.
Mr. Goodrich's	g a h	...	St. Hubert.
" Covey's	b a h	...	Marquis.
" Pilgrim's	c cb g	...	Surprise.
" Morgan's	b cb f	...	Maid of the Mist.

THE NEILGHERBY CUP.

Mr. Goodrich's	—	...	...	Mayfly.
„ Covey's	b w g	...	...	Hunter.
„ Pilgrim's	b w h	...	...	Lord Clifden.
„	b w g	...	...	Trumpator.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudh-				
pore's	br e c	...	...	Crown Prince.
H. H. The Maharajah Pertab-				
Sing's	—	...	..	Pegasus.

THE COONOR PURSE.

Mr. B's	b a c	...	...	Scamp.
Aga Alli Askar's	g a h	...	...	Hadjee.
„	b a c	..	...	Munchikof.
Col. Warrington's	b a h	...	..	Sirmust.
Mr. Herbert's	g a h	..	..	Child of the Desert.
Mr. Herbert's	c c b g	...	.	The Rake.
„ Goodrich's	g a h	...	...	St. Hubert.
„ Covey's	b a h	...	...	Marquis.
„ Pilgrim's	c c b g	...	...	Surprise.
„ Morgan's	b c b f	..	...	Maid of the Mist.
„ Dunbar's	b c b f	...	...	Flora.

PLANTERS' PURSE.

Mr. Lindsell's	b w g	...	...	Dick Turpin.
„ Aubery's	c w g	...	...	Telegram.
Ouchterlony Confederacy's	b w g	...	...	Blackbird.
Mr. Downall's	br w g	...	...	Spec.

Second Entrances, 1st March, 1877.

MAIDEN PURSE.

Mr. Covey's	b w g	...	...	Lord Nelson, late Accident.
Major Utterson's	b w g	..	...	General Lee.

WELLINGTON DERBY.

Mr. Abdool Raymon's	g a h	...	...	Victor.
„ Jones'	g d c	...	...	Caractacus
H. H. Aga Khan's	—	...	...	Oghaub.

THE WELTOR.

Mr. Thomas'	blk w g	Raven.
Ditto	b w g	Panmure.

TRIAL STAKES.

Mr. Thomas'	blk w g	Raven.
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WELCOME PURSE.

Mr. Jones'	g d c Caractacus.
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NEILGHERRY CUP.

Mr. Thomas'	blk w g Raven.
„ Aubery's	c w g Telegram.
„ Covey's	b w g Lord Nelson, late Accident.

COONOR PURSE.

Mr. Abdool Raymon's	g a h ...	... Victor.
„ Jones'	g d c Caractacus.
„ H. B.'s	g a h Panther.
„	b a g Lottery.

PLANTERS' PURSE.

Mr. Thomas'	b w g Panmure.
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Erratum.

In Welter for Mr. Goodrich's Mayfly read

Mr. Goodrich's	g a h St. Hubert.
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NOTICE.

Next entries close 1st April 1877.

Stable Lotteries on 2nd and 9th May 1877.

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WELLINGTON, }
2nd March 1877. }

CHARLES J. RICHARDS,
For Honorary Secretary.

BANGALORE RACES, 1877.

Entrances on 1st March 1877.

TRIAL STAKES.

Mr. Thomas's	b w h	... Raven.
Capt. Langford's	br w m	... The Bird.
Major Farwell's	b w g	... Oliver Twist.
Mr. Downall's	b w g	... Exeter.
„ Pilgrim's	b aus h	... The Secret.
„ Covey's	b w g	... Hunter.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	bk e h	... Crown Prince.

H. H. THE MYSORE MAHARAJAH'S CUP.

Mr. Covey's	g a h	...	Chandos.
Alli Bin Ameer's	b a c	...	Wayel (?)
Mr. Downall's	ch a h	...	Aleppo.
"	b a h	...	Emsdorf.
Mr. Abdool Rahmon's	c a h	...	Mamluke.
"	g a c	...	Saunterer.
"	b a h	...	Remboo.
"	g a h	...	Montakem.
Mr. Herbert's	b a c	...	King Arthur.
"	g a h	...	Child of the Desert.
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	...	Young Shere Alli.
"	ch a c	...	Surferaz.
Mr. B's	b a h	...	Scamp.
Mr. H. B.'s	br a g g	...	Lottery.
"	g a h	...	Panther.
Aga Mochool Shah's	g a c	...	Shabbaz.
Aga Alli Asker's	b a h	...	Menchikoff.
"	b a c	...	Railway.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	b a c	...	Struck Oil.

MAILDEN GALLOWAY PURSE.

H. H. Aga Khan's	b a gal	...	Oghaub.
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THE BANGALORE CUP.

Mr. Downall's	b w h	...	Orlando.
"	b w h	...	Novelist.
Mr. Roberts'	ch w m	...	Mendicant.
" Pilgrim's	b a c	...	Lottery.
" Abdool Rahmon's	b a g	...	Alligator.
" Covey's	b w g	...	Lord Nelson, late Ac- cident.
" Aubery's	ch w g	...	Telegram.
Capt. Langford's	br w g	...	Black Swan.
"	b w g	...	Conspirator.
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a u s c	...	Moolbaruz.
Maharajah Pertab Sing's	b a u s g	...	Pegasus.

OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

Mr. Pilgrim's	ch cb g	...	Surprise.
Capt. Langford's	br w m	...	The Bird.

EASTERN PLATE.

Mr. Pilgrim's	ch cb g	...	Surprise.
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	...	Lachin.
Mr. Abdool Rahmon's	b a h	...	Merry Legs.
"	b a c	...	The Prince
" Crawford's	b a g	...	Chieftain.
Aga Alli Asker's	c a h	...	Akbar.
Mr. Covey's	b a h	...	Marquis.

THE MYSORE CUP.

Mr. Covey's	g a h	...	Chandos.
Alli Bin Ameer's	b a c	..	Wayel.
Mr. Downall's	ch a h	...	Aleppo.
"	b a h	...	Emsdorf.
Abdool Rahmon's	c a h	...	Mamluke.
"	g a c	...	Saunterer.
"	g a h	...	Victor.
"	b a h	...	Remboo.
"	g a h	...	Montakem.
Mr. Herbert's	b a c	...	King Arthur.
"	g a h	...	Child of the Desert.
Aga Mochool Shah's	g a c	...	Shahbaz.
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	...	Young Shere Alli.
"	ch a c	...	Surferaz.
Mr. B.'s	b a h	...	Scamp.
Capt. O'Dowd's	g a h	...	Paddy.
Aga Alli Asker's	b a h	...	Menchikoff.
"	b a c	..	Railway.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	b a c	..	Struck Oil.

THE MYSORE COMMISSION CUP.

Mr. Downall's	br w h	...	Kingcraft.
"	b w g	...	Exeter.
" Pilgrim's	b w h	...	Lord Clifden.
" Covey's	b w g	...	Hunter.
" Abdool Raymon's	b aus g	...	Alligator.
Capt. Langford's	br w m	...	The Bird.
"	bk w g	...	Black Swan.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	bk e h	...	Crown Prince.
" Pertab Singh's	b aus g	...	Pegasus.
" Kissore Singh's	c a g	...	Fireman.

ABKAREE PURSE.

Mr. Covey's	b a h	...	Marquis.
H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	...	Lachin.
Aga Mochool Sha's	g a c	...	Shahbaz.
Mr. Downall's	ch a h	...	Aleppo.
"	b a h	...	Emsdorf.
" B's	b a h	...	Scamp.
" Herbert's	b a c	...	King Arthur.
"	g a h	...	Child of the Desert.
" Abdool Rahmon's	b a h	...	Merry legs.
"	b a c	...	The Prince.
" Crawford's	b a g	...	Chieftain.
Aga Alli Asker's	c a h	...	Akbar.
"	b a h	...	Menchikoff.
"	b a c	...	Railway.
Capt. O'Dowd's	g a h	...	Paddy.
H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's	b a c	...	Struck Oil.

GRAND STAND STAKES.

Mr. Aubery's	ch w g	...	Telegram.
" Abdool Rahmon's	b aus g	...	Alligator.
" Covey's	b w g	...	Lord Nelson, late Accident.
" Downall's	b w h	...	Orlando.
" "	b w h	...	Novelist.
" Pilgrim's	b aus c	...	Lottery.
Capt. Langford's	bk w g	...	Black Swan.
" "	b w g	...	Conspirator.
Maharajah Pertab Singh's	b aus g	...	Pegasus.
H. H. Maharajah of Joudhpore's	bk e h	...	Crown Prince.
Maharajah Kishore Singh's	c a g	...	Fireman.

WALER PURSE.

Mr. Downall's	br w h	...	Kingcraft.
Ditto	b w g	...	Exeter.
Ditto	b w h	...	Orlando.
Ditto	b w h	...	Novelist.
Mr. Pilgrim's	b aus c	...	Lord Chifden.
" Thomas'	b w h	...	Raven.
" Covey's	b a g	...	Hunter.
" Abdool Rahmon's	b aus g	...	Alligator.
Capt. Langford's	br w m	...	The Bird.

DESERT HANDICAP.

H. H. Aga Khan's	b a h	...	Lachin.
Aga Alli Asker's	c a h	...	Akbar.
" "	b a h	...	Menchikoff.
Mr. Abdool Rahmon's	b a h	...	Merrylegs.
" "	b a c	...	The Prince.
Mr. Downall's	ch a h	...	Aleppo.
" "	t a h	...	Emsdorf.
Mr. Pilgrim's	ch eb g	...	Surprise
" B's	b a h	...	Scamp.
Herbert's	b a c	...	King Arthur.
" "	g a h	...	Child of the Desert.
" Crawford's	b a g	...	Chieftain.
" Covey's	b a h	...	Marquis.
Colonel Warrington's	b a h	...	Sirmust.

THE WHIM PLATE.

Mr. Abdool Rahmon's	c a h	...	Mamluke.
" "	g a c	...	Saunterer.
Aga Mochool Shah's	g a c	...	Shahbaz.
" Alli Asker's	b a h	...	Menchikoff.
" "	b a c	...	Railway.
Mr. B's	b a h	...	Scamp.

GALLOWAY PLATE.

Mr. Crawford's b a g Chieftain.

A. W. C. LINDSAY,

Hony. Secretary, Bangalore Races.

2nd March 1877.

Erratum for Bangalore Races 1877.

FOURTH DAY, SECOND RACE.

THE DESERT HANDICAP.

After the words "all Arabs" insert "and country-bred horses."

BANGALORE, }
27th February 1877. }

W. R. MESHAM,
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The parties will, as far as possible, be so arranged that any owner entering two horses will be able to ride them both. With this object every owner entering more than one horse must declare before the parties are drawn which is his first, second, &c., horse.

The parties to be started by an umpire, who will accompany them. The takers of the first Spear in each party to contest for the final Spear and Cup. It is not necessary for the first

Spear that the pig be killed. No Spear delivered on the near side to count.

Any dispute arising about first Spear to be left to the decision of the Committee as to whether the Course be run again or not. The Committee reserve to themselves the power of excluding any horse. First entry 15th March 1 G. M., second entry 1st April, 2 G. Ms.; and day before the race, 4 G. Ms.

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For Ponies 13-2 and under. Winner to be sold for Rs. 300. 13-2 to carry 11st.; 4lbs. allowed for every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch under. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 10, with Rs. 100 added. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

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A Free Handicap. For all horses. Entries as above. Handicap to be declared 19th March. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 300 for all accepting with Rs. 300 added. Distance 1 mile.

A Free Handicap Steeplechase. For Arabs and C. Bs. Entrances, &c., as above. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 20 for all accepting, with Rs. 250 added. Distance about 2 miles.

For all horses. Winner to be sold for Rs. 500. Weight, if Walers, 11st. 7lbs. ; if Capes, 10st. 7lbs. ; if Country-breds, 9st. 7lbs. ; and if Arabs, 8st. 7lbs. ; 3lbs. allowed for every Rs. 50 declared under Rs. 500. Sweep of Rs. 20, with Rs. 200 added Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1877.

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THIRD DAY, SATURDY, 24TH MARCH, 1877.

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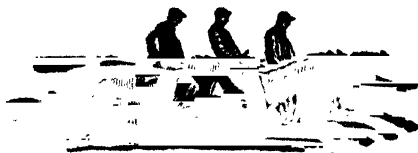
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RACING FIXTURES, 1877.

	1877.	
Kadir Cup Contest ...	March ...	18th.
Allahabad Spring Meeting.	Ditto ...	22nd, and 23rd.
Ganges „ „ ...	April ...	(Date not fixed.)
Wellington Races	May ...	15th, 17th, and 19th.
Bangalore „ ...	July ...	17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, and 26th.
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Contributions about hog-hunting and hill-sport are invited.

For three days. This tiger was killed in the same ravine out of which I once before drove a tiger without getting a shot, and as the present animal's dodges were exactly similar to those on the last occasion, I think I have now the veritable beast. I placed myself beautifully, and when he was driven out with fireworks he charged right on to Shamroop. The ravine I described before, and the difficulty I had in getting the hunters to come on. I had a good supply of fireworks on this occasion. The usual alarm was sounded by the Lungoors on the hills when the tiger first moved. They scattered in all directions, and the tiger roared once or twice. He was completely hemmed in. Signalling the elephants to advance one after another, until

I had them mostly exposed, I took up my position hiding myself as much as possible, except that I was in the direct path I hoped the tiger would break by. The drive came on, and an occasional roar as well as extra shouting on the part of the beaters cautioned me that the animal was on the move. Once he tried to sneak past the African boy who was on an elephant to my left. He was seen by a man on a tree, and I fancy the tiger saw him, as he went back. A few more fireworks and shouting started him and I could hear his rush for 50 or 60 yards before he came straight at Shamroop, he having seen me in the howdah looking over the not very dense bush. I met him with a shot which I regret to say smashed one of his teeth, and as he turned to the shot I gave him No. 2 and he rolled down the banks and was lost to view in green bushes. Emerging about 60 yards further down I planted a Forsyth shell in his rear, and he went off, looking very seedy. Slowly he disappeared down the ravine watched by men on trees until after laying down three or four times, he made his way to the river. We tracked him until again and again he came straight at Shamroop. I was rather amused by the *shikari* Chenna Ramah, a fair tracker, suddenly halting and looking at me whispering "I hear him growling," when he very wisely remained behind. A few steps forward, and he was almost on Shamroop, very angry, I assure you. I gave it to him hot, three shots in his charges, and he turned, when a fourth shot laid him low. The African and native gentleman also fired when the tiger turned at the third shot. The fourth, a Forsyth, settled him. I have already mentioned his length :—Head 1-9 ; occiput to insertion of tail 5-1 ; tail 3-3 ; height 3-7.

Again the morn breaks over Diudee's Vale,
Where stood the RANGER's camp by moonlight pale.
In firm array the elephants appear
Stupendous pachiderms without fear.
Then Shamroop leads the van to tiger's lair ;
The RANGER's eyes pursue him every where.
The Lungoors chatter for the game is near,
A deer bounds forth disturbed by beater's cheer.
Hark ! the loud roar ! the RANGER will detect
The tiger's tread and know what to expect !
From the hill-side afar the rockets fire
The jungle flames to light the funeral pyre.
As arrow from its bow, he runs his course
With speed as swift as fiery Arab's horse.

One bound and Shamroop's trunk hath felt the wound,
But the DECCAN RANGER's shot good aim hath found.
Turning his side exposed, the tiger strides
And vanishes : mid thickets dense he hides
Like foe in ambush ; but the RANGER's smile
Portends success, he follows many a mile
His wounded prey,—blood flowing thick and past,
And every breath threatening to be his last !
Again he charges Shamroop almost home
And lashes wildly in his track of foam ;
Shots follow shots, sure on a battle-field
Was never human foe more loath to yield,
Determined if he could to live and fight
The tiger struggles with a giant's might ;
But the DECCAN RANGER is too much for him,
He plies his shots, the tiger's eyes grow dim,
Vain struggle with a son of Caledon—
That land of mountain flood and heathery glen.,
Where men do what they dare and seldom fail
In manly sports no equal has the Gael.
In sultry Ind fanned by no bracing wind
The DECCAN RANGER will not be behind
For as the sunset in the west appears,
The tiger dies amid loud shouts and cheers.
Talk of the life of cities among men,
Give me the glorious jungle moor and fen,
Where far away from crowds and lighted halls
From formal dinners and from garish balls
A man may pitch his tents in the far wild
And lead a life simple as nature's child !
Ridding the country of a dangerous foe
And spreading peace around instead of woe.

Since shooting the large tiger on the 11th I have moved my camp twice. On the 16th a kill was reported, and I am now only three or four miles across the hills from the place where I first went to. I had to make a considerable circuit to enable me to reach this ground. We think, from noticing at the first ground I was encamped on, that we have the same tiger as killed my buffs there. His pug shewed a deeper pressure on one side than on the other as if he threw his weight more upon it owing to lameness, and on killing the animal eventually, on the 17th, I saw that the fore-leg was quite crooked from the centre downwards, and we cut a native bullet about the size of a large marrow fat pea out of it. The first day of the kill the tiger did not shew, and I fear my camp moving at night must have disturbed him. He returned to the valley the next night, and killed a fresh buffalo. He now, unfortunately for himself, took up his quarters in an enclosed ravine, out of which he could not

possibly escape me. Two elephants were quite sufficient to guard the outlet, and the remainder took up a position all in a heap some 100 yards to my rear. Hills were very high. The tiger showed himself almost immediately after the beat commenced, and of course I was kept continually on the alert by the repeated shouts of the beaters, whenever they sighted him. I was led to expect a large animal, as the Brinjarahs and Bheels, who have apparently experienced the ill-consequences of his having lived in the neighbourhood for some years, told me he was a monster. He was driven to a point from whence no amount of blank ammunition fired off would make him move, and although I had warned them not to discharge any rockets, fearing that the jungle would be fired, they were compelled however to resort to the measure, without however disturbing the tiger who would not move. But they fired the jungle. It had one good effect, he could not break back, thereby necessitating a second drive. At last I moved my two elephants quietly forward until I saw the tiger on foot, when he rapidly received the contents of my several barrels. He was unable to get out of the bushes. One of the first shots apparently crippled him at once. He weighed 420 lbs.; length 9-6; head 1-7; occiput to insertion of tail 5-1; tail 2-10; height 3-6. I was at home by 1 o'clock, and very acceptable to me was the moselle and soda water cooled in saltpetre. At about 4 o'clock I heard a good deal of talking going on, and on enquiring, ascertained that the fire had extended to the vicinity of my tents and it was raging on the hill just above me. The only tree in the neighbourhood stood between the two hills, and there I was encamped. Dressed myself sharp, and had the tents struck and turned out the whole of my camp, and sent them up the hills with green branches. After a time we completely subdued the fire; but I went out into the maidan near the river and encamped there during the night, not pitching camp again, as I intend moving three or four miles further on the next morning. A circumstance connected with this tiger is worth noticing. I have always taken 18 claws from the tigers I have shot, viz., five from off each fore-paw, and four from each hind-leg: there were 19 on this tiger. The tanner did not particularly notice from whence the extra claw came, and therefore I cannot say whether it was from the fore or the hind-leg.

The new ground I now moved to I found occupied by Brinjarahs, and as they drive the ravines themselves for

sambhur, pig, &c., I did not expect to find any tigers. I had no kill of course, and determined to retrace my steps throughout the entire length of the valley to the entrance again. By this I lost much valuable time; but the two tigers I had secured were worth half a dozen ordinary ones. There is no marching through these hills and the ground on the top of them is covered with loose stones which renders the passage of elephants on them impossible. The last tiger shot by me, it will be observed, was equal in length of body, viz., from occiput to insertion of tail, to the 10 feet 1 inch tiger killed just before. This tiger was 2 inches shorter in the head and 5 in the tail. The weight almost the same as the former one. The head of my large tiger is 1 inch longer than that of any killed before, I think. A friend of mine sent me the measurement of the skull of a large tiger killed in his neighbourhood. I had none then that came within three quarter of an inch of it. Now I expect I have beaten my friend's friend, as the head of the largest tiger I have killed only measured 1-8 while this was 1-9. His teeth too were enormous, but, as I said before, one is smashed to pieces. The head is fearfully broken up, and now that the flesh is all off it will never be fit for setting up. Grand bouquet-holder the three teeth will make which have not been injured. They are carefully encased in bee's wax.

I have been cruelly disappointed throughout this trip. Since I shot the tiger on the 17th the rifle has not spoken. Doubtless there were tigers in the numerous places I have visited when my men were there in the cold weather, but as the bheels fire the jungles in all directions to enable them to collect the fruits they eat, and soapnut, &c., which they exchange for rice, the animals have all been scared away. I receive the same reply every where—"Tigers are always here until the jungles burn, and then they are off." In a beat on the 22nd a tigress with cubs were started; but they broke past me at a distance of 800 yards and over the hills. I had the greatest difficulty in getting Shamroop up to the foot of the hill at all. The rocks and trees were so numerous. They are a wild race, the Bheels, who live on the plateau and at the foot of the hills bordering on the Madras district, near which I have been trying for tiger. Down towards the plains they are somewhat civilized, but upon the hills, immediately you appear, the whole herd of them, for they are perfectly wild, scatter in all directions. You find a few huts; but neither male nor

female of the tribe. A squalling within denotes a tenant of some sort, and there, inside an enclosure such as shepherds resort to to confine kids in, are one or two children and smaller fry. They look on you with terror, until some of the tribe who accompany you from the plains assure them that we are not going to injure them. I have managed to get a few of these wild fellows to come down and have fed them daily with the hope, should I visit this tract again, that the hill-men may render me assistance. What they like best is liquor, and once or twice after bagging a tiger I assembled them round my tent and gave each a glass of arrack. A few pipes too, and a knife or two to the headmen, sent them off rejoicing. Every description of fruit which the monkeys live upon they consume. I have suggested to a high official in these parts, to arrange for a certain tract, which I have marked out, to be set aside as a Royal preserve, such as Jung Bahadoor possesses in the Terai. At present the Bheels, Brinjarahs and Koles kill sambhur and spotted deer here at all seasons, and therefore they are not very numerous; but only seen in small herds. I am confident, with five or six years' rest, the Royal personage to whom this country belongs will command a field for sporting purposes equal to the Terai and other places. Of course very strict orders must be issued that no one shoots in the locality without permission, and should a Viceroy, prince, or other great man require a few days' sport where DECCAN RANGER has roamed for many a year, it will be found in the tract I have just visited. I am now obliged to retrace my steps towards home, as I am due in Bombay about the 20th April to enable me to leave for England by the steamer of the 24th. Direct in my route is a district where a man-eater has been the pest of the country for three years. It is my intention to exert myself to the utmost and endeavour to bag this beast. Last year I proposed visiting the tract I have lately been writing about, in company with a friend, but, as I before mentioned, I was taken ill, and had to give it up. I now therefore propose going there alone. The last intelligence conveyed to me was that on the 1st of April the monster killed two men in one day. One he devoured, and the other managed to reach his village, but died in the course of the day. The Commissioner, or talookdar as they are called here, visited me on the 6th and told me that he had a record of 55 men and women killed, and that probably numerous

chance travellers have been carried off, of whom he has no account, as, travelling in many instances from distant parts of the Deccan, proceeding to temples on the Kistnah, they have passed, without any knowledge of a man-eater being in the neighbourhood, through the tract he infests. Morning and evening the beast is ever on the watch. Certain roads the villagers will on no account pass by, and others, they only do so in bodies of a dozen or so, with tom-toms and match-lock men. The tiger, when he falls on a party, goes right into the centre of them. Occasionally the beast kills a pony; but no buffaloes that I can hear of. I am nevertheless picketing in all directions, and my people are out with an elephant in attendance every morning, endeavouring to track the beast to some spot, where he or she may have retreated to for the day, out of which I will try and drive the animal. Should I be fortunate enough as to bag this creature, I shall be greatly recompensed for former disappointments. A Brahmin who escaped from this tiger described to me exactly how it occurred. He was going to a town at some distance to purchase rice and other articles to feed his brotherhood with. Suddenly he heard a roar in the jungle, and, as he imagined at some distance, this was the tiger, evidently on the watch on some rock or high ground, and who had seen the traveller. A few minutes after he heard a rush behind, as if some horseman was galloping up to him. Turning, he saw the tiger. In an instant pony and Brahmin were rolling on the ground. The man fell to one side and the tiger seized the pony by the throat. In the scuffle the man edged away, and the tiger growled at him. He managed however to roll away to a little distance, bringing a bush between himself and the tiger, when up he got and bolted. After running for several hundred yards, in his confusion he came back towards the tiger who was tearing away at the pony, with his back towards him. He disappeared again, and this time went in the right direction arriving at his village more dead than alive. I purchased from the man his *chudder* or sheet which is full of holes made by the tiger's claws. Fortunate escape the poor fellow had. He attributed it to his intention of proposing to prepare a feast for Brahmins.

On the 3rd one of the severest storms I have ever experienced in India passed over my camp. My tents were only three quarter pitched, and it was all my lascars could do

to prevent them coming down. As far as the eye could reach, I saw a field of ice, the hail fell in such quantities and as large as marbles, with an occasional one the size of a walnut. For the last 25 days it had been threatening. Almost every night around me I have noticed lightnings while an occasional shower has fallen in my neighbourhood. How charming it is to sleep out in the open air. After the night of the storm I had to retire to my tent about two in the morning owing to excessive cold, and except some three or four hours on that morning, I have slept in the open since the 3rd of last month.

I took the measurement of a venerable patriarch of the forest I admire so much. This splendid tree unfortunately was surrounded by paddy-fields, which were dry when I encamped at the place; but as paddy does not thrive under spreading branches, the ryots had in several places severed the shoots from the Blur to prevent the tree spreading. With all this, the tree measured from its extreme ends north to south 61 yards, east to west 57, circumference $176\frac{1}{2}$ yards. All my tents were pitched under it, and my servants found numerous sheltered nooks and corners to cook their food in.

(To be continued.)

HOW I LOST A COMMISSION IN THE 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

BY SHAVING BRUSH.

UPWARDS of half a century ago the town of Shaistabad was the jolliest and most flourishing in all Bengal. Some foreign families who had migrated to India about the 17th and 18th centuries, in the general scramble for power, threw in their lot with the English and espoused their cause. When the latter came to assume the sovereignty of the country, they did not forget their benefactors; and in grateful recognition of services rendered on various occasions, bestowed upon them grants of extensive tracts of land, some in fee simple, others at nominal rents, besides presents of large sums of money in addition, as rewards for

their fidelity. In course of events other possessions came to be added to those already acquired, and in keeping with the usages of society of the period in which they lived, the foreigners forgot their thrifty habits, and revelled in an endless succession of frivolities. Each season was marked by a round of gaieties suited to the state of the weather and the means of the parties. The presence among them of three regiments of infantry and some artillery lent additional stimulus to the observance of high festivals. In fact Shaistabad was the hotbed of *Qury hyeism* in the province. There was the gentle Mackenzie who might often be seen parading through the streets of the town seated on his *tonjon*, followed by a pack of boys yelling 'pugla Mackenzie' to the top of their voices, every now and then throwing handful of small silver coins among these street Arabs, bursting his sides with laughter, thoroughly pleased with himself and with the world at large. There was Dawes, another eccentric character, who, in an incredibly short space of time, threw up a miniature hill and crowned its top with a small building at his own expense, to the north of the race-course, known to this day as Dawes' Folly. Then there was the good old Christian Judge David Carmichael Smith, than whom a better man never drew breath,—the generous and philanthropic Mitford to whom suffering humanity is indebted for that magnificent hospital where thousands of people both of the town and the country receive annual relief,—the great tiger-slayer Ben Seaton, and a host of others too numerous to enumerate in this place. The Course was lined on either side with a row of smiling summer residences of the notabilities where periodical gatherings were held. Time however rolled on, and brought its usual changes on its wings. Owing to some cause or other which it would be needless to recapitulate, a change came over the spirit of its dreams and the glory of the place departed with the old folks and the military.

"These were her charms, but all these charms are fled."

For some years succeeding the period I have referred to, the station reverted to the usual humdrum existence of any other insignificant town in Bengal; but in 1849 its star seemed to be on the ascendant, and propitious fortune once more bid fair to smile on its sporting prospects. A chance was thrown in its way for emerging from its wonted obscurity by the arrival of a Regiment of M. N. I., the officers

of which were reputed to be among the hardest riders in the country, and rumour in this instance at least was not extravagant. Before they had fairly settled down in their quarters, Ensign S——d came to grief. In following a hare he got into a tope of trees and while taking a leap over a well his horse slipped, and both rider and horse were precipitated into it. Fortunately for the former the animal fell under him. With great difficulty he was extricated from his awkward position although in an insensible state. He recovered, but his spine was seriously injured, and so long as he was with the Regiment he never moved about but with a crutch. He went home and regained the use of his limbs, but as I heard afterwards he received his quietus at an Irish Steeplechase Meeting some years subsequently. (*N. B.* When a horseman is once badly hurt he has no business to incur further risks in the same line). Where there was a plethora of riders the absence of one would, as a matter of course, not be felt. Although Lieut. P——e was renowned as the best equestrian in India, he never rode a race at Shaistabad. It is said that his zeal for the turf led him into an unseemly squabble with a brother officer in the Southern Presidency which very nigh threatened to cut off his connexion with the army, and he thereafter vowed never to mount a horse when there was a shilling at stake. But the pet of the sporting community was Lieut. C——t* the beau ideal of a gentleman rider with a single drawback, viz. that he was a little too heavy for an Arab or a Country-bred, and he did not care to reduce his weight. If ever a man sat his horse like a centaur, it was he. The first winter of their quarter at Shaistabad was marked by an unusual bustle and stir in our station. Strings of horses might be daily seen wending their way to the training ground for matutinal exercise. Balls, picnics and social gatherings of every description were on the cards. Knights of the thimble and needle were at a premium. There being no regular communication between the City of Palaces and the Mofussil in those days, some of the ladies had to tax their ingenuity to the utmost to evolve new fashions from the innermost depths of their conscious-

* Poor Lieutenant C.——t now lies among the gallant defenders of Lucknow in the pretty little cemetery within the Residency. I believe he held an appointment in the Opium Department, and on the breaking out of the Mutiny escaped to Lucknow where he died of wounds received

ness while others trusted to a chance steamer for the execution of their orders in Calcutta. Excitement was on tip-toe, the *elite* not only of Shaistabad but those of the neighbouring stations as well, were invited to the meeting. A native millionaire whose munificent liberality our Government has at length tardily recognized by the reward of the title of 'Nawab,' had a splendid stud of Arabs and English horses, and these he confided to the care of Lieutenant C——t. The latter who wanted a light-weight rider to assist him in training them, asked me one fine morning if I would take a couple turns round the course on one of the Arabs. Although I had just entered my teens and was a mere feather weight, not weighing more than 5 stones or thereabouts, the passion for riding had so completely taken possession of me, to the exclusion of every other rational desire, that I never refused a mount, whatever might be the temper or characteristics of the animal offered me. In fact, if Old Nick could be saddled and bridled, I think I would have been game for him too. The kind proposal of the Lieutenant was therefore accepted at once. Mounted on two splendid Arabs we entered the course, and at the word 'off' from my companion we went away at a slashing speed, the pace for the first mile being something terrific. Do what he would to take the inside place, I stuck on to my plan of operations, and although we were riding with our knees almost touching, he found it a hopeless task, and the pace slackened a bit. We were now near the half-mile post from home when we settled down to work. Gathering the reins well in hand and with a firm seat I awaited the issue of the contest. We passed the stand, I still leading, and my friend half a length behind. In this order we went round the course once more when, at the quarter mile from home, the Lieutenant's horse fell back a little, and turning round I saw the animal lash his side with his tail. I immediately found out what it was. The spur had touched him and his bolt was shot. If sheer good riding alone were to carry the day, I knew where to find my man, but the heavy weight told on the little Arab who, although nobly responding to the call, had to contend against great odds. Once more he was along side of me, but for a moment. We were now both at the whip, and my feather weight landed me a winner by a couple of lengths among the deafening hurrahs of the spectators. On pulling up he congratulated me on my good riding and asked me

to ride out with him every morning, promising to give me a wrinkle or so where my horsemanship was defective. I accepted the dictates of my Mentor in a fitting spirit and warmed to the work in a few days. But the event of the racing week was the hurdle race over a flight of ten hurdles, four feet high. My brother had a black Cape horse which bolted with me once and coming suddenly across a ditch cleared it at a bound nearly giving me a cropper. This was a hopeful sign. If he could take such a flying leap there was no just cause or impediment why he should not go over a wall or a fence with equal ease. My mind was accordingly made up. I would enter him for the hurdle race and take my chance. It was a glorious morning, one of those bright, sharp, clear days with a deep blue sky and frosty air, and with that sense of elasticity in the atmosphere which imparts itself to the spirits and makes mere existence enjoyment. It was one of these brilliant mornings, in which I took such infinite delight, that was to see my hopes nipped in the bud, and all my future prospects dashed to the ground. As usual I took out the horse for the customary trial, and made him go as hard as he could put his hoofs to the ground at a masonry wall three and a half feet high, little suspecting what was in store for me. The poor beast dashed up to it in a style and cleared it about half a dozen times or more, till at last—well here follows a blank. All I recollect was that innumerable stars twinkled and flitted across a jet black firmament, till by degrees my senses were steeped in oblivion and I subsided into a blissful state of unconsciousness. When I recovered partially, I saw a villager standing near me sprinkling water on my face. For a few moments I could not bring myself to realize my position; by and bye some aching bones about the ribs told their mournful tale. With the help of the good Samaritan I was once more on my feet, but rather the worse for the fall. At a short distance stood the gentle and docile Shaving Brush, the innocent cause of all this mischief, quietly nibbling at the grass. From the marks on it I found that he had cleared the wall, but on alighting on the other side his forelegs had slipped and the result was as I have given above. Although the reins had gone to ribbons I mounted him and proceeded a short distance, but I found riding too painful, so I alighted and walked home. No sooner I threw myself on my bed, excitement being passed, I again lapsed

into unconsciousness. For some days my life was despaired of, but ultimately I came round not however to take part in the Shaistabad Races or its gaieties. I took to my old practices again little dreaming of the injury I had sustained. Some years afterwards, when through the kindness of my late lamented friend the Hon'ble Mr. P. W. Le G——t, a Member of the Legislative Council of India, I obtained a commission in the 93rd Highlanders, the medical examination showed that I was physically incapacitated for the army; the fall ten years previously having injured me to an extent of which I was not aware then. The blow was a severe one indeed, and the only consolation I had in my misfortune was a letter of sympathy from H. R. H. the General Commanding-in-Chief who "could not but express his regret at the disappointment" I had experienced. Thus it was, gentle reader, how I lost a commission in the 93rd Highlanders.

TIGER-HUNTING IN PURNEAH.

BY DEER.

THE unfortunate writer of this paper has flourished in the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* under the honored epithet of Griff No. 1. *Vide* article about tiger-hunting by the facetious contributor, MR. PIPE.

It is evident PIPE is a rare sportsman, for he does not even hesitate to make game of the genus *homo*. With reference to that article (*Oriental Sporting Magazine* for May 1875) the Magazine readers have already had a laugh and a puff, and have subsided, enjoying *pipe* for their smoke.

Before commencing the story of how I obtained my first skin, I shall say just a few words in connexion with my sporting career. Like all other griffs, PIPE included, I have been through the shooting of *koochnais*, tom-tits, tom-cats, &c.

When I came to Purneah, therefore, I considered myself a fair sportsman, with a glorious life before me for all kinds of sport. My worthy host G. S., knowing I had no experience of *howdah* shooting, in the place whence I hailed,

duly placed me on an elephant called Shaker who well deserves that name. Of course the reader must anticipate the result which followed when a Royal Bengal broke cover with a deafening roar.

Away went Shaker rocking from side to side, and I had to look to myself instead of attending to guns or tiger. The consequence was, I lost first shot to my infinite disgust and got no skin, at least it was so decided, but I firmly believe this child gave Mr. Stripes pill No. 1. This was the first occasion out of some eight or nine times that I had been out, when we were lucky enough to put up a tiger, no doubt there must have been some Jonah on the previous occasions. In conclusion of my sporting capabilities, I think I could hold my own, as the saying is, against any ordinary sportman here. Now, then, here is a challenge—will PIPE dare to tread on the tail of my coat. Mind you, I do not set myself up to be a *shikari* extraordinary!

Instead of wasting further time, let us to the story of real success on my part which has spurred me on to write this account. I trust if it be acceptable, you will give it a place in some corner of your widely-circulated journal, at some time when there is a want of better stuff than my feeble composition. I do not pretend to be a *cacæthes scribendi* nor aspire to be one, so you as well as the reader must pardon any mistakes that may catch the eye.

I was on no shaking animal this time, hence the glorious result which followed. Besides my noble host, who was none other than the veritable Joe, ye tiger-slayer of ye period in our district, and your humble servant, we had the pleasure of the company of two—what shall I say—well, griffs. Years ago I used to be called one, and I do not see why these two gentlemen, *viz.*, F. S. and H. DeV should be exempted. The following account will, I think, substantiate my reasons for using that term in the mind of the reader.

"Here we are again!" was the tuneful style in which I greeted J. on my arrival at S——, a factory, the great rendezvous for all true-blue sportsmen during the season.

Making the usual preparations for tiger-*shikar* and loading our *budgerow* with all the good things which make life tolerable, J. and I set sail for D——r factory. The country westward in this district is better practicable by water than land during the wet months; hence my host preferred this to any other mode of locomotion. The shades

of night began to fall ere we had completed half the journey, when the Skipper, Captain J., proposed putting to for the night, which we accordingly did. And after a glorious feed *alias* dinner by moonlight, we hunters retired to our virtuous couches.

Out again with the lark, and a pull of some ten miles in J.'s jolloy-boat, which we accomplished in the twinkling of an eye, landed us at D——r, H. DeV's (one of the aforenamed griffs') factory; where our kind hostess made us extremely comfortable.

Breakfast over, a short siesta was the next item on the cards. The rest of the afternoon was occupied in getting the hottest *khubber* of tigers, and discussing matters of *shikar* in general. It was decided to have a day's potting at deer and pigs the following morning north-west of D——pore factory. This arrangement was got up with the object to give time for some other gentlemen who had been invited a chance of joining the hunt which was put off for the 29th August.

In poetical phraseology we were up to
"Behold the rising morn in russet mantle clad."

After regaling the inner man, a precaution which no *shikari* ought ever to forget before starting, off we went, having taken our seats in our respective *howdahs*.

A jog of some six miles brought us to the place of execution. We took up our positions in the following order:—D. R. centre; J. to the left, and H. DeV. to the right, the pads intervening. On we beat, but with little success, the result being only one squeaker which fell to J.'s gun. *Tempus Fugit*; it was now mid-day, so a general halt was called and lunch proposed. A right good one it proved to be, for our kind hostess evidently has had experience of what a hunter's appetite can be. Having satisfied ourselves, we started for a better piece of grass that lay southward. Captain J had not been idle during tiffin but had got information from the half wild inhabitants of the place where game could be found. I must say I never saw a place more full of pigs, deer and partridges as was the cover we went to in the afternoon. J. and D. R. did all the execution while poor H. DeV looked on in amazement with his gun in hand, until D. R. shouted to him to fire at partridges, since he was evidently not able to hit larger game. A very remarkable circum-

stance occurred which I shall not omit to note. J. fired a running doe with a Westley Richard's 12-bore rifle, using hollow pointed bullets, the ball penetrated the animal's stomach, carrying away nearly the whole of her intestines (which we discovered lying on the ground.) We never for a moment thought the creature could have gone another yard, but, to our astonishment, after searching high and low, she was really *non est* and had gone away minus her stomach I might say. Query—How will the poor animal manage to exist in future!

Had we had more pad elephants the bag might have been doubled; as it was we brought home 5 pigs, 4 deer and 1 partridge. 3 pigs and 2 deer fell to J's gun; 2 pigs and 2 deer to D. R.'s; the remainder of the bag was allotted to H. DeV. though this was a doubtful point, as the other two sportsmen had also fired at the same bird. It was dusk before we got home and glad indeed were we, for I really began to think, that we were jogging along the veritable lane which is said to have no ending.

Only one of those invited for the next day's action made his appearance, the rest were either indisposed or funk'd to join. The fresh arrival was F. S. (the other of the aforementioned griffs), who, judging by the result of his own excursions, whenever he makes one, totally disbelieved the abovementioned bag was homeward bound. "The incredulous Israelite." I must here state F. S. appeared much surprised at his brother-in-law H. DeV having been so successful!

August 29th.—Saw four sportsmen merrily wending their way to D—pore factory; these were J. H. DeV, F.S., and D. R. In my own thoughts which were running quite contrary to those of my friends, I wished the larger portion of luck to fall to my share and true O king, my wish for once was gratified. It was 10 A. M., in spite of all our expedience, ere we reached D—pore. F. S., the always-hungry-devil, proposed lunch, before setting out for the cover, supposed to hold the queen of the forest and her twin heirs, and which lay a few hundred yards south-east of the factory. I think F. S.'s proposition was only intended for a drop of "Dutch courage" or "jumping powder," as the latest *khubber* was, that the tiger had been seen at 4 A. M., only six hours ago, walking leisurely through a paddy-field. This was good news beyond measure, so we

struck at once for the jungle, the whole extent of which would not exceed one hundred acres.

We took up our position and beat eastward; H. DeV and D. R. were extreme right and left while J. and F. S. kept in the middle, a pag separated each howdah. We had scarcely proceeded two hundred yards when a shot from H. DeV resounded from the right flank and a simultaneous call "tiger" in *tremolo falsetto* put the whole line on the *qui vive*. Bang! went No. 2 from F. S.'s howdah; both these shots had no other effect than raising the dust. This made young Stripes plucky, who charged on the next *hatee* down the line, and whose should it prove but the tusker carrying the redoubtable J. who lost no time in firing; one bullet from his W. R.'s 12-bore was quite enough to upset Stripes and his bile too; for the ball nearly carried away the whole of his lungs. H. DeV and F. S. both came up in hot pursuit, and to my great surprise and I dare say much to J.'s disgust, bang! bang! two shots were fired at the—one might almost say—dead tiger. Of course I cannot vouch whether the shots were fired intentionally or accidentally. Judging from the white gills of H. DeV and F. S. and inferring the surprise their countenances bore, I should say the latter. However, be that as it may, there lay the tiger as dead as a door nail.

Our experienced Captain J. ordered line to be formed again, as he was positive from the number of lairs we had come across, there must be more than one tiger in the locality. I was rather disappointed, I must own, after the death of our gallant foe, but our Captain's assurance of another being about buoyed me up with fresh hope. Marching to the time of the dead march, you might have seen us with guns in hand and bending forward in eager anticipation, every moment expecting to hear the well-known roar before you; but the end of the cover was reached with a sigh of disappointment as heavy as lead, as the looked-for game had not been aroused.

Nil desperandum is a capital adage, so beat No. 2, which lay from south to north, was now commenced; but with not half the spirit as the one just finished. After beating through we came to the same spot where we had originally begun. This time my disappointment had really no bounds.

A happy thought struck our Captain J. and no other than such an experienced sportsman would have noticed it. Our griffs H. DeV and F. S., as usual, had broken line during their frantic excitement when the first tiger was shot and had left unbeaten the very best piece of jungle. "Sharp is the word and quick the motion;" we doubled round taking the cover this time from east to west. Suddenly my *hatee* began trumpeting and kicking up a devil of a *shindy*. D. R. was on the alert while the green eyes of the griffs were directed on him; in fact every one was erect in their howdahs watching for the quarry to break. All this unnecessary excitement was owing to my having come on the dead tiger we had already bagged, for, not to waste time we had left him where he fell. After such a sell we all subsided into our howdahs and jogged along quietly. To tell the truth I had drowned all my hopes of another tiger in a draught of *aqua pura* diluted slightly and had just lit my

"Little tube of mighty power
To charm away the disappointed hour,"

when "left wheel" from the Captain was heard. D. R. had to act pivot till the line came round. At this moment there was a shrill sound and a rush, almost simultaneously from the pad to my right and the pad between the two griffs H. DeV and F. S. From the *dolee far oriente*, I was up in less than a twinkle with gun in hand, stooping anxiously over my howdah, watching the grass move onward where the pad elephant had given signs. To my intense delight, I saw emerge from the cover, and within twenty yards from where I was quietly waiting with my gun against my shoulder, a magnificent beast, which I subsequently found was a tigress. She was trotting towards the adjoining cover, and evidently had not twigged me. I thus had a grand view of the whole of her: I waited till she turned broadside and fired. With a terrific roar, she bounded forward, her tail going round like a wind-mill. I fired again as she continued to run away from me. Bang! Bang! to my right attracted my attention, I looked round and perceived J., H. DeV, and F. S. making haste in my direction. I really thought the two griffs were having shots at long ranges, at my tigress, but another bang! from Captain J. convinced me that No. 3 was afoot, which poor devil was getting his *coup de grace* from J. a fusilade having been

fired previously by H. DeV and F. S. While this scrimmage was going on, I had followed up the tigress, and heard her splash into a small *nullah* nearly choked with *nurkut* and grass, which divided another stretch of cover, for which I thought she was making. I got to the spot, and while waiting for the rest of the party to come up, my *mahout* directed me to where he saw Madam Stripes lying in the water, with her tail and hind-leg sticking out, and true enough there she was as dead as mutton. I was delighted to find I had done the trick, and single-handed. J. would not believe it until satisfied by ocular demonstration. The griffs looked on with wide open eyes and mouths, and as white as sepulchres, apparently afraid the tigress was only diving! A rope was tried to the hind-leg and the tigress dragged out. The first shot would have been an ample summon to her long home, the ball had entered below her left shoulder, playing hide and seek in her lungs, the second shot caught her in the stern near the fleshy part of the thigh.

I can account now why H. DeV and F. S. seemed so horror-stricken. Captain J. afterwards told me that the other young tigress got up between them, and each had half a dozen shots at her, before he gave her the last. The biggest joke was, both our griffs mutually agreed, they did not know which of them had first shot. On getting to D—pore factory it turned out the poor creature had only one bullet in her, and that on examination proved to be a W. R.'s 12-bore, our Captain being the only one with such a gun. After this discovery our friend's faces can better be imagined than described. Having padded our splendid trophy, we made tracks at a quick march pace for the bungalow, and sat to lunch at 1 A.M. with right good appetites and as merry as princes. Our very kind hostess would better be able to say whether we did justice to the tiffin or not, I think nothing but the bare basket returned home.

The D—pore fellows will not forget us in a hurry for various reasons, chiefly because we gave them more room to breathe and space to wander fearless.

It is needless to repeat the conversation which generally ensues after a hunt of this kind; suffice it by saying, that we shot the same tigers over and over again.

The disappointed griffs must have been very raw, although apparently one might have been led to suppose,

from their conversation, they had done the whole of the execution between themselves. Never mind, I wish them better luck next time, and I also hope I shall be present to witness their performance.

The measurement of the tigers are as follows :—

Tigress	...	..	9 feet 6½ inches.
Ditto	..	..	6 „ 1 „
Tiger	..	..	6 „ 7 „

I do not think the two latter can be placed under the category of cubs.

Before ending my weary tale, I shall just give you a few lines about an adventure of a tiger with F. S., the bigger griff of the two. This story was originated by himself. "I was after partridges" he says "on foot, one evening at "K—r factory when I came across a tiger fast asleep, "I was forthwith glued to the earth and if it had not been "for an intervention of Providence I should never have "lived to tell the tale." This intervention which we afterwards managed to elicit from him was that his gun which he always carries about on full cock, dropped from his trembling hands and exploded; this created quite a panic in Stripes, who bolted as hard as he could go, F. S. doing likewise in an opposite direction. What a chance to have lost, such luck never falls to the lot of a sportsman !

CORRESPONDENCE.

A HYÆNA NEAR A POLO GROUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—The following incident took place a short time ago, and may be amusing to some of your readers, as it is not an every-day occurrence to find hyænas near polo grounds :—

First let me mention that our hockey ground in Gya is situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the station, at the foot of a small range of hills, running south of the station.

The sun had just set when in the middle of a most exciting game we heard some natives who were on the *pucka* road, which runs just under the hill, shouting "*Sahib ! Sahib ! Lukra Lakur hai.*" At first it was not believed by the players that it was possible, and thought that the natives had seen a "pariah" dog, which they had mis taken for a *Lukra*. However R. and H., soon after followed by C., who were all playing in the game, to the disgust of the others, rode off on their sturdy little ponies and made for a small garden (the property of a wealthy native) where the *Lukra* was supposed to have been seen. R. and C. made straight for the hill-side of the garden, thinking that if he was really there, he would certainly make for the hill from whence he had come, while H. rode to the other end furthest from the hill. However R. and C. were disappointed, for he broke out at the other end from them exactly opposite to H., who was immediately at him with his hockey stick and rolled him over several times. As soon as R. and C. found out that he had broken out into the open, it did not take them long to gallop round and join in the chase. After the mauling he had received from H. (on a pony 12-2), the hyæna thought it wiser to make for the hill, which he did, closely pursued by all three, H., R., and C., and jinking as bad as any "squeaker."

H. rolled him over again, and now C had a chance ; but his little pony (only about 11 hands) did not seem to like the looks of the hyæna's jaws, who made several bites at the ponies, so shied off every time C got anywhere near him.

Just as he had crossed the road and making up the hill, when we should have seen nothing more of him, R. (on a pony 10-2)

opportunately came up and rolled him over with his hockey stick and stunned him.

It did not take us long to dismount from our tats and finish him off, with the help of a stirrup iron.

When the tats found themselves riderless, they also thought to have some fun, so amused themselves by having a "row" which was soon stopped. I may mention that he was a full grown hyæna. The skin of course went to H. who had rolled him over first.

AFIM.

PROPOSED TURF CLUB IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCES AND THE PUNJAB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—*Apropos* of the letter in the February *Oriental Sporting Magazine* by FRANK, I would draw attention to the general wish of most sportsmen, who are interested in racing, to form a new Turf Club in the Punjab and North-west. The matter was a great deal talked about at Delhi and subsequent race-meetings, but except discussion I have heard of no further step being taken in the matter. I hope, therefore, that some of the most influential racing men in those parts will take it in hand and start the Club. I prophesy that there will be no lack of supporters. A thing which interests us all appears to be every body's business, for that reason I suppose no one appears to take the lead in it. May we not hope that some well-known man, such as Captain Roberts, R. A., will undertake the formation of the Club, which is most urgently needed. One of the most important of its uses would be the arranging that the different race-meetings should fit into each as regards time. When the Club is formed, the Secretary could put himself in communication with the Secretaries of the different established meets, and, assisted by them, fix the dates of the several meetings beginning as usual with Deyrah and Umballa, and so down the line of rail to finish up with Calcutta, Ballygunge and Dum-Dum. At present some meetings at long distances apart take place so close together in point of time that it is impossible for owners to attend both, so one or both suffer. There are many reasons why this should be done. In the first place, one of the greatest expenses of owners, viz., railway journeys, would be reduced to a minimum, as they would not have to travel several times over the same ground as they do now; in consequence more horses

would attend the meetings which would be proportionately better, and the general public would part with their subscription more freely as they would be certain of seeing bigger fields and closer racing. Another advantage would be that officers who take leave would find it very much more convenient and could then time their leave so as to take in the best and to them most accessible meetings. I am myself a Bombay man, therefore I speak feelingly ; for, as the meetings are at present arranged, it is not worth the while of owners from one side to bring up horses. I don't suppose that a very large contingent will come from Bombay just yet, still I know of one or two owners who would willingly attend if the meetings were convenient, and even half a dozen extra horses at a meeting make a great deal of difference in the sport shown, and now that the railway between Ahmedabad and Ajmere is under construction, it is probable that more Bombay horses will show up year by year, as that route will reduce the journey by more than one-half. I would suggest that the Deyrah and Umballa Meetings should be closer together, and the other meetings at intervals of say eight days or so. At present Deyrah is so soon after Poona that the horses from that meetings have barely time to recover the very long journey. It would be more convenient, I think, if Deyrah were a week later and Umballa a few days earlier.

Yours faithfully,
CAVE.

[See our remarks in The Month on the proposal to establish a second Turf Club in the Bengal Presidency. With the foregoing letter we received a paper of suggestions as to alterations in and additions to existing rules in case such a Club be constituted which we hope to treat separately.—ED.]

CRACKED HEELS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR—I should feel greatly obliged if you or any of your readers could let me know, through the medium of your columns, a good thing for cracked heels. I have a C. B. mare that suffers very badly from them, and have tried every thing I can think of. It appears to be easy enough to dry up the sores, but with a little work they break out again.

Yours faithfully,
ENQUIRER.

THE AVERAGE TIME OF RACE-HORSES IN INDIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I think you will be putting the sporting community at large, all of whom I should fancy are included among your readers, under great obligations to you, if you could fill up the timing in the following table I have drawn up, giving the fair average (not the exceptionally fastest) running for the various distances of the different classes. I do not mean that the time a horse has done *each* distance in a long race, for instance in an all-Arab race, distance $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, I do not think it can be of use for present purposes to know in what time the first $\frac{1}{4}$ mile was run, in what the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, the mile, and so on, but the time the winner took to do the full distance. I feel sure such a table would prove an invaluable help to those training horses, and if possible if under the time you could put the place and year it would be a further help, such as $\frac{2m. 30s.}{Umballa, 1876.}$

FRANKS.

*Fair-average Timing of Running in India during the
past 5 or 6 Years.*

Class.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	$\frac{3}{4}$ Mile.	1 Mile.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ Miles.	2 Miles.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	3 Miles.
Ponies 13 hands and under ..								
„ 13-2 „ ..								
Mixed Galloways ..								
Arab Galloways ..								
All Arabs ..								
Walers ..								
Country-breds ..								
English ..								

[We invite our friend JUDEx to take up this, as no one could do it better and few so well. We suggest, however, that in each case a single figure as an average would mislead, and that the range of time in the case of each class of horses had better be given. For instance, we should give as the time of first-class English and Australians for 2 miles from 3-50 to 3-41.—ED.]

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you or any of your readers will kindly tell me in what years the following changes were made in the Cambridge and Oxford Boat-race. :—

A.—When the present course, Putney to Mortlake, was adopted ?

B.—When eight-oared out-riggers were adopted ?

C.—When keel-less boats were first used ?

D.—And when sliding Seats first came into use ?

Yours obediently,

ROWLOCK.

[A.—The first race from Putney to Mortlake took place in 1845, but it has been rowed over other or longer courses on the Thames, and at Henley, several times since then ; since 1864 it has been from Putney to Mortlake without change.

B.—In 1846.

C.—In 1857.

D.—In 1873.

ED.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

WRONG NAMES IN (INDIAN) NATURAL HISTORY.—No. 2.

BY YOUNG NIMROD.

I SHALL proceed to briefly notice some more misnomers, and hope that no sportsmen, not well up in Natural History, will shirk the task of reading these jottings, however dry and uninteresting they may find them, for I write for the special behoof of all such, and I am assured there are not a few.

4. *No real Bison in India.*—Sportsmen out here are wont to indiscriminately style both the *Gaur* (*Gaveus gaurus*), and the *Gayal*, or *Mithun*, (*G. frontalis*), the bison, but in reality there is no veritable bison in all India, in fact throughout the whole of Asia. There are only two species of the genus bison extant, the well-known European bison, the Auroch (*B. urus*) and the American bison (*B. Americanus*), strangely mis-called buffalo by our Trans-Atlantic cousins, who have fully inherited the propensity of blundering in nomenclature inherent in us Britishers, if nought else. The shaggy coat and heavy mane characteristic of the true bison ought *per se* to distinguish it from either the *Gaur* or the *Gayal*.

5. *Deer are not Antelopes.*—I have found sportsmen in this country very apt to confound these two in reality very different kinds of animals, so it is as well to show the glaring differences between them, in order that the error might in future be avoided. The family *Cervidæ*, or the Deer tribe, have solid and deciduous horns, whilst the sub-family *Antilopinæ*, or Antelopes, which, I may add *par parenthese*, belong to another family,—*Bovidæ*, or *Cavicornia*, have hollow and permanent horns. Besides, the former are devoid of the gall-bladder, whilst the latter possess it. These are sufficiently broad distinctions, I think, and no one who learns them ought to blunder again, so I need not enter any farther into the subject.

KHULNA, JESSOR.

THE MONTH.

THE fair sex have had it all their own way in the "Dog Derby," as the great annual coursing contest for the Waterloo Cup is now called, a Derby for which a competitor may start at any age and any number of times. Coomassie won the Cup after a good course with Braw Lass, and the winner is described as a wonder among the takers of such honours, being small and weighing less than 44lbs. She "ran through the Cup," as the phrase is, in great style, killing the hare in every course.

The telegraph announces a dead heat for the boat-race between Cambridge and Oxford, a quite unprecedented event, and very remarkable as the result of a race over such a distance.

Lord Falmouth's notice of motion for a meeting of the Jockey Club alluded to in our last, has elicited some correspondence in the sporting newspapers at home. M. Lupin, a prominent member of the French Jockey Club, addressed Admiral Rous, saying that there were good grounds for what Lord Falmouth termed the want of reciprocity, inasmuch as, while large sums of money are added to the great French three-year-old races, nothing is added to the great English ones. This manifestly insufficient reason for not allowing English horses to run in France for more than a very few races was well met by the Nestor of the English Turf, the Admiral replying that while the French only open one really first-class race, the Grand Prix, to English horses, England gives annually about £148,000 to races open to all the world, while the amount of added money is on the increase. Moreover, he said, the Queen's Plates are open to the world, though specially granted to promote the breed of good English horses. Finally, the Admiral suggested that the French had so improved their breed of thorough-bred horses that they had nothing to fear, and would do well to throw open their races to English horses. At the same time there is such a desire to prevent any interruption to the existing harmony and good feeling between English and French sportsmen, that however strong Lord Falmouth's case is on its own merits, it will probably be rejected, the Admiral himself voting against the motion, we should expect.

A cool bit of effrontery was tried in a horse case at home the other day. The plaintiff sued the defendant for £50, being the balance due for a race-horse sold for a certain sum down,

with another £50 payable on the horse winning a race. The defendant sold the horse to a third party before a race was won, and on the occurrence of the first win the defendant denied his liability on the ground that according to well-known usage in such cases, his liability ceased on his disposing of the horse before he had won a race! The Counsel for the plaintiff said he had been taken by surprise at such an unexpected plea, and asked for an adjournment to enable him to meet it, which was granted; and when the suit came on again, Admiral Rous and Mr. Christopher, Secretary to Messrs. Tattersall, both gave evidence that the usage was just the other way, on which a decree was given for the plaintiff. It is a pity the defendant could not be fined for giving trouble and losing time by advancing such a plea.

The Calcutta *Englishman* published some time ago the following handicap of the principal two-year-old performers of last season. It was said to have been framed by one of the best judges of racing in England, and may be interesting to our readers with reference to the Derby Lotteries now going on:—

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Chamant ...	9	0	Dee ...	7	10
Jongleur ...	8	12	Avontes ...	7	8
Placida ...	8	11	Dunkenny ...	7	7
Lady Golightly ...	8	11	Winchelsea ...	7	7
Plunger ...	8	9	Rosy Cross ...	7	6
Pelligrino ...	8	7	King Clovis ...	7	6
Bruce ...	8	5	Silvio ...	7	6
Rob Roy ...	8	5	Mavis ...	7	4
The Rover ...	8	4	Monachus ...	7	4
Thunderstone ...	8	3	Speigelschiff ...	7	4
K. G. ...	8	2	Tantalus ...	7	3
Rosbach ...	8	1	Shillelagh ...	7	3
Verneuil ...	8	0	Sugarloaf ...	7	2
Palm Flower ...	8	0	Sir Garnet ...	7	2
Chevron ...	8	0	Il Gladiatore ...	7	2
Craun Tair ...	8	0	Polly Perkins ...	7	2
The Monk ...	8	0	Arbitrator ...	7	2
Warren Hastings ...	7	12	Touchet ...	7	2
Blue Riband ...	7	11	Somnus ...	7	2
Warrior ...	7	11	Ernest ...	7	2

About six weeks ago an editorial paragraph appeared in a Calcutta daily saying that "the delay and inconvenience caused by the reference to Calcutta of all questions of racing law which arise in Bengal from time to time in connection with the turf, has led to the proposal that a Northern Indian Turf Club should be established. The idea was started at the Imperial Assemblage Race Meeting by a well-known supporter of the

"turf in the North-west Provinces, and was generally approved. "It is said that the idea has found favour with many sportsmen "in the N.-W. P., Oudh, and the Panjáb; and that the proposed "Club may almost be looked upon as a *fait accompli*."

This proposal is alluded to in a letter in our present number, but, like our correspondent, we have heard nothing more of it. We should think Captain Roberts is scarcely likely to go out of his way to get up another Turf Club, seeing that he is a Steward of the Calcutta one. For our part we do not think a second institution of the kind required, and should not expect it to last very long on a satisfactory basis if it were established. Moreover, after some experience of what causes delay in references to Turf Clubs (gained by a perusal of the papers relating to the cases of the collection we published in 1875 and 1876) we are decidedly of opinion that the main object of establishing a second Turf Club, as announced in the paragraph referred to, would not be attained. The delay caused by the course of post between the Panjab and the N.-W. P. on one side and Calcutta on the other, is but a very trifling part of the delay that is sometimes inevitable, and the principal causes of which are cases being incompletely referred, or not referred through the Stewards of the meeting, papers not being complete, the necessity of further enquiries, or of giving one of the parties to the case an opportunity of explaining something, &c., &c. Indeed, we are inclined to think that as there are generally not less than two or three out of the five Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club at Calcutta, while the gentlemen selected for a Club in the N.-W. P. or Punjab might be all or almost all at different stations and extending over the 900 miles from Allahabad to Peshawur, it would probably be found in practice that delay caused by the course of post would be much the same in both cases. Again, remembering how very desirable it is that some of the Stewards of a Turf Club should both know something of the subject and also be entirely disinterested, is it likely that a sufficient number of gentlemen combining both these qualifications will always be available in the N.-W. P. and Punjab *alone*? It must be remembered that for sometime past the members of the Calcutta Turf Club have selected as their Stewards men from among all parts of the Bengal Presidency in order to get those thought best suited for the office, as also to meet the wish of gentlemen who desired to see their part of the Presidency represented. It was in this view that Captain Roberts, when a resident of Umballa, was elected a Steward of the Club. Lastly, there was a Northern Indian Turf Club in existence not many years ago, and it was dissolved on the Calcutta one being found sufficient.

We hear something of a proposal to establish an Annual Grand Military Steeplechase in India, the fixture being changed every year so as to give those in different parts of the country their turn. An Annual Grand Steeplechase would be an addition to our sporting fixtures certainly, and we hope the idea will be followed up. Our only doubt is whether, taking every thing into consideration, such an event ought to be a close one; we should be inclined to make it a Grand National open to all the world.

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#### FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1877.

Last week was a very festive one for this out of the way little station, and the meeting on the whole was most successful; the weather though threatening held up, the racing was very fair, and the attendance was larger than could have been anticipated. The pretty little stand was as usual tastefully decorated, and all the arrangements for weighing, measuring and pegging were entirely satisfactory. There was some disappointment felt at not getting a band, but this was survived; the only serious drawback to the success of the meet was however the condition of the course, and this is so serious a one that, it is to be hoped, it will have the serious consideration of the Stewards in future. The Sylhet Race Course is a *dhan khet* inundated during the rains, and the *dhan* is cut some time in December, after which it is converted into a race course. The plan of the course is excellent, and for pony racing it is sufficiently large, being some 200 feet over  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. The view of the course from the stand is superb, and if there should be no rain after it has been made and repaired, there would be little to complain of, but, woe betide us if it rains, and this year unfortunately it did rain, and in torrents too, just after the indefatigable clerk of the course was gazing at his work with self-satisfied eyes. Everything that could be done to remedy the evil was done, and no effort was spared, but there is no use in denying, the course was—well, what shall I say?—as sticky as possible, and very heavy going indeed. This must be looked

to in future, and when it is seen what a superior stamp of ponies now come to compete for the prizes, it is obvious that unless some decided measures to improve the course are taken, the races must degenerate, and this would indeed be a pity, for the Sylhet Races ought to be the finest Pony Race Meeting in the whole of India. After having pitched into the course, it is necessary to propose a remedy. There is but one : buy it ; keep it clear of cultivation, and by judicious draining clear also of inundation. That being done, we should have a nice turf race course, and ponies' legs would benefit. The Cachar Meeting, that took place early in January gave the knowing ones the correct tip, but still the glorious uncertainty of racing held good, and many the sells thereby ; the Assam pony Fisherboy, from his previous performances, was a great favorite, and his defeat by that plucky little pony Jhani, in the Winners' Handicap, was a surprise to most people. The fact is, there was something the matter with the horse ; when he ran that race, he came to the post with a cold sweat all over, not looking himself at all. Minos, the pony who had distinguished himself at Jhansi last autumn, and had succeeded in winning the Cachar Derby and Winners' Handicap at Cachar this year, succumbed to the heaviness of the course, and broke down after winning the Derby, to the great disappointment of his sporting owner. Cigarette, a Waler filly, not yet filled out, ran better than she did in Cachar, and showed that she possessed a very fair turn of speed indeed. Docken convinced his owner that the turf is not in his line, but nevertheless consoled him by winning the Consolation, but it was indeed a pleasure to see that gamest of game little ponies, Falstaff, the best pony for his inches in India, galloping in his usual form ; his beating Skyrocket in the Hurry Scurry caused some loss of coin to the gentleman who rode Skyrocket in the same race at Cachar, as there the tables were reversed. It is only fair however to say that Falstaff's rider lost his stirrup leather ; nevertheless, Skyrocket's Cachar rider thought it proper to back his former mount, and so had to part.

The ordinaries were well attended, and business in the lotteries was brisk. It was amusing to see the difficulties some adventurous spirits found themselves in over the abstruse calculation of double lotteries. One gentleman was heard congratulating himself on standing to win some Rs. 1,400 or lose Rs. 40—in point of fact, he actually did win about Rs. 200. The Polo Match played on the 26th was a triumph for South Sylhet. The games were all well-contested and brilliantly played, but the Station Club lost by one game, and so the gentlemen, Tea-planters of South Sylhet, secured the victory. In spite of the absence of a band, the Ball on the 23rd was in every way a grand success, and so it ought, if beauty and elegance combined with brilliant toilettes has anything to do with success. On the 25th a merry party sat down to a dinner given by the members of the new Sylhet Planters' Club, and finished the evening afterwards at a musical soirée at the Judge's. The Station dinner at the Billiard Room on the 26th was a brilliant affair. More than 40 gentlemen sat down to dinner ; the songs were grand, and the speeches equal to any made in the House of Commons. If our former Lieutenant-Governor, now a member of that distinguished House, had only been there, he might have got a wrinkle or two for

his next speech on the Eastern Question. On Saturday the Athletic sports went off very well, after which the Ladies' Tilting Match took place, and was cleverly won by Mrs. Clay on her charming little pony Punch.

Maulvi Abdul Kadir's tiffin, given in a shamiana on the Polo ground on the 24th, was a touching instance of native generosity. The table literally groaned under good things, and the beaming countenances of the guests, especially after tiffin, showed that they were able to appreciate them; but enough of dances and feasts, let us to business. The stand is full of smiling faces, the jockeys are mounted, the bugle has sounded, Colonel Forbes, our most experienced starter, is at his post and the first race on the first day of the Sylhet Races for 1877 is

The Trial Stakes. Rs. 150. Second Pony, Rs. 50. Open to all Ponies 13-2 and under; 13-2 to carry 11st. Weight for inches. Entrance Rs. 16. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|              |        |             |             |     |   |
|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Daly's   | br w g | Fisherboy   | Mr. Eddis   | ... | 1 |
| Abdul Azim's | g cb m | Jhani       | " Wingrove  | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Foley's  | br w g | Docken      | " McCulloch | ... | 3 |
| Abdul Azim's | g cb g | Korak Bijli | Native      | ... | 0 |

This race was won easily by Fisherboy; Jhani a good second; Docken out of the race entirely; Korak Bijli nowhere. In a lottery of 125 chicks, Fisherboy sold for 30 chicks, Jhani for 7 chicks, Docken for 22 chicks, and Korak Bijli for 6 chicks.

The Munipuri Trial Stakes. Open to all Ponies approved of by the Stewards, the property of natives. R. C. and a distance. Rs. 30. Second Pony, Rs. 5. Catch weights. Entrance free.

Seven ponies started, but the race was won in a canter by Abdul Azim's Mahajabin.

The Sylhet Derby, Rs. 300. Second Pony, Rs. 50. Open to all Maiden Ponies 13-2 and under; 13-2 to carry 11st. Weight for inches. Distance one mile. Entrance Rs. 20.

|                             |           |           |             |     |   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Patch's                 | cr c cb p | Minos     | Mr. Eddis   | ... | 1 |
| Messrs. Peter and Scorgie's | g w m     | Cigarette | " Wingrove  | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Daly's                  | c m p     | Skyrocket | " McCulloch | ... | 3 |
| Abdul Azim's                | g c p b   | Good Form | Native      | ... | 0 |

This race was entirely between Minos and Cigarette; the former lost a good deal in starting, but soon took the lead, kept it, never was collared, and won easily, coming in unfortunately lame. Cigarette ran very pluckily. Mr. Eddis rode the winner with great skill and judgment, carefully nursing him in the heavy places. In a lottery of 132 chicks Minos sold for 40 chicks, Cigarette for 5 chicks Skyrocket for 5 chicks, and, Good Form for 1 chick.

The Hurry Sourry Stakes, Rs. 50. For all Ponies 12-2 and under Catch weights. Entrance Rs. 5.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile heats without dismounting.

|                |       |           |               |     |   |
|----------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Peter's    | c m p | Falstaff  | Native        | ... | 1 |
| Rahamodin      | c p   | Mushkil   | Ditto         | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Beckett's  | c m p | Bijli     | Mr. McCulloch | ... | 3 |
| „ Knox's       | c m p | Tom Thumb | _____         | ... | 0 |
| Prasuno Babu's |       | Foot      | _____         | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Daly's     |       | Skyrocket | _____         | ... | 0 |

This was a well contested race, Falstaff eventually winning. In a lottery of 132 chicks, Skyrocket sold for 25 chicks, Falstaff 33 chicks, Foot one chick, Tom Thumb 3 chicks, Mushkil 1 chick, and Bijli 8 chicks.

The Native Derby. Rs. 30. Second Pony, Rs. 5. For all Maiden Ponies, to be approved of by the Stewards, the property of natives. Distance one mile. Catch weights. Entrance free.

|                 |          |     |     |     |   |
|-----------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Abdul Mulloch's | Soondari | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Abdul Huck's    | Chal     | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

The Hack Stakes. Rs. 50. Entrance Rs. 5. Second Pony to save its stakes. For all untrained Ponies 13 hands and under; 13 hands to carry 10st. Weight for inches. R. C.

|                  |       |           |     |     |   |
|------------------|-------|-----------|-----|-----|---|
| Mr. Knox's       | b m p | Jerusalem | ... | ... | 1 |
| „ Thornton's     | g m p | Maharajah | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ Beckett's      | b m p | Bijli     | ... | ... | 3 |
| „ Scorgie's      | b m p | Tab       | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Prasuno Babu's | b m p | Foot      | ... | ... | 0 |

Maharajah went off with a strong lead, closely attended by the others. Near the straight Jerusalem took the lead and won easily; Maharajah a good second; Bijli a good third; the rest nowhere.

#### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1877.

The South Sylhet Planters' Cup. A Cup presented by the gentlemen Tea Planters of South Sylhet. For all Ponies 12-2 and under; 12-2 to carry 11st. The property of European gentlemen residing in Sylhet and Cachar.

|               |        |           |             |     |   |
|---------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Peter's   | c cb p | Falstaff  | Mr. Eddis   | ... | 1 |
| „ Knox's      | c cb p | Tom Thumb | Babu Sing   | ... | 2 |
| „ Ditto       | b cb p | Jerusalem | Mr. Patch   | ... | 3 |
| Mr. McElroy's | g cb p | Tom       | „ McCulloch | ... | 0 |

Falstaff won easily closely attended at first by Jerusalem, and afterwards by Tom Thumb, who thus secured second place; his stable companion third.

The Parole Stakes for all Ponies 12-2 and under, the property of natives and ridden by natives. Rs. 50. Second Pony, Rs. 10. Distance twice round the course. Catch weights. Entrance Rs. 5.

Five Ponies started for this race, which was won easily by Goolamu Kani's Kushro.

The Planters' Stakes. Rs. 250. Second Pony, Rs. 50. For all Ponies 13-2 and under; 13-2 to carry 11st. Weight for inches. Distance 1½ miles. European riders. Maidens allowed 5lbs. Entrance Rs. 20.

|                                  |       |           |            |     |   |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Daly's                       | c w g | Fisherboy | Mr. Eddis  | ... | 1 |
| Abdul Azim's                     | g c m | Jhani     | " Wingrove | ... | 2 |
| Mossrs. Peter's and<br>Scorgie's | g w m | Cigarette | " Patch    | ... | 3 |

The three were despatched to a good start. Cigarette rushed to the front and maintained that position for the first three quarters of a mile when Fisherboy challenged her and took first place, keeping it for the remaining distance and winning easily. Coming into the straight, Jhani collared Cigarette, and after a gallant struggle secured second place.

The Station Purse. Rs. 100. For all Ponies 13 hands and under; 13 hands to carry 10st. 7lbs. Weight for inches. R. C. and a distance. Entrance Rs. 10.

|              |        |           |              |     |   |
|--------------|--------|-----------|--------------|-----|---|
| Abdul Azim's | g cb m | Jhani     | Mr. Wingrove | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Peter's  | c cb p | Falstaff  | " Eddis      | ... | 2 |
| " Daly's     | c cb p | Skyrocket | " McCulloch  | ... | 3 |
| Rahamodin's  | b cb p | Mushkil   | Native       | ... | 0 |

This was a gift to Jhani; though Falstaff was ridden by Mr. Eddis in his usual excellent style, the gallant little pony was overmatched.

The Umbrella Race, for ponies approved of by the Stewards, the property of and ridden by natives. The riders to start and come in with open umbrellas. The winner to receive all the umbrellas.

Seven ponies started for this race, and a grand fun it was; the race was eventually won by a pony named Mahajabin.

### THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1877.

The Winners' Handicap. Rs. 200 from the Fund. Entrance Rs. 20. Second Pony to save his stakes. Forced for all Ponies who have won Rs. 100 or more in any one race during the meeting. Optional for losers. Twice round the course.

|              |        |           |      |              |     |   |
|--------------|--------|-----------|------|--------------|-----|---|
| Abdul Azim's | g cb m | Jhani     | 9 7  | Mr. Wingrove | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Daly's   | br w g | Fisherboy | 12 7 | " Eddis      | ... | 2 |

For the first time round the course it seemed doubtful which would win, but the second time round Fisherboy appeared literally to stick in the heavy place near the ½ mile. From that place he was beaten, although he raced gamely, and Jhani coming up with a wet sheet was first into the straight and past the winning post. Fisherboy was not running in his usual form at all, and looked unwell when at the post, to which he came with a cold sweat all over his neck and shoulders.



The Consolation Race for all Ponies that have won no race during the Meeting. Rs. 150. Entrance Rs. 10. Second Pony to save his stake. 13-2 to carry 11st. Weight for inches. Distance one mile.

|                               |        |             |               |   |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Mr. Foley's                   | br w g | Docken      | Mr. McCulloch | 1 |
| Messrs. Peter's and Scorgie's | s w m  | Cigarette   | „ Eddis       | 2 |
| Abdul Azim's                  | g cb p | Korak Bijli | „ Wingrove    | 3 |

Korak Bijli opened the ball by having a race on his own account. When brought back to the starting post the ponies were promptly despatched, and Cigarette took the lead. This did not last long, Docken going to the front and winning, though with some difficulty.

Thus ended the Sylhet Races for 1877, and it is to be hoped that every succeeding meeting will be as jolly a one, and see such jolly good fellows to the front.

### SEALKOTE RACES—1877.

The first day of this meeting was to have been the 6th instant, but rain, such as is seldom seen in the Punjab at this time of the year, prevented a commencement before the 10th; even then the course was, though fair going, very heavy; for fortunately it is all grass or racing would have been impossible. On the 12th, the going was capital, and the springy turf was a contrast to the sun-baked courses one usually sees in the East.

#### FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The Lilliputian Plate. Rs. 80 from the Fund. For all Ponies 13 hands and under. Three furlongs on the flat.

|                 |          |           |       |                   |       |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Capt. Brough's  | br cb h  | Jerry     | 9 11  | Capt. Green       | ... 1 |
| Mr. Adams'      | dun cb h | Schoolboy | 10 7  | Mr. Kendall       | ... 2 |
| „ Fife's        | b cb h   | Scamp     | 11    | „ Chisholme       | 3     |
| „ Abbot's       | ch cb m  | Firetail  | 10    | Owner             | ... 0 |
| „ Remming-ton's | b cb m   | Lucy      | 9 12  | Mr. Shawe         | ... 0 |
| Capt. Hutchins' | g cb h   | Cadger    | 10 12 | Hon. C. Lascelles | 0     |

Won by one length. Time—49 secs.

The Desert Stakes. Rs. 200 from the Fund. For all Arabs and Country-breds, 13 hands and under. Distance 1 mile on the flat.

|                  |         |            |      |                   |       |
|------------------|---------|------------|------|-------------------|-------|
| Mr. Kendall's    | b a h   | Corone     | 10 9 | Owner             | ... 1 |
| „ Butson's       | ch cb g | Lucifer    | 11 6 | Mr. Chisholme     | 2     |
| Hon. E. Vessey's | ch a h  | Maidan     | 10 5 | Hon. C. Lascelles | 0     |
| Mr. Mansel's     | ch cb g | Starvation | 11 6 | Capt. Green       | ... 0 |

Won easily by a length. Time—2 mins. 9 secs.

The Jummoo Welter. Rs. 350 from the Fund. For all horses. Distance 1 mile on the flat.

|                 |         |          |    |    |             |       |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----|----|-------------|-------|
| Major Kinlock's | b w m   | Sally    | 11 | 11 | Capt. Green | 1     |
| Mr. Beaver's    | b w m   | Octoroon | 11 | 11 | " Brough    | 2     |
| " Kendall's     | dun w m | Margaret | 11 | 11 | Owner       | ... 3 |

Won easily by four lengths. Time—2 mins. 5 secs.

The Garrison Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For all horses, the property of Residents in the Sealkote District. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the flat.

|                 |        |         |    |    |             |       |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----|----|-------------|-------|
| Capt. Brough's  | g w g  | Monarch | 11 | 11 | Owner       | ... 1 |
| Mr. Broadfoot's | g cb g | Tom     | 9  | 11 | Capt. Green | 2     |
| " Remington's   | b w g  | Lion    | 11 | 11 | Mr. Adams   | 3     |

Won easily. Time—1 min. 41 secs.

The Pony Plate. Rs. 100 from the Fund. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the flat.

|                 |           |          |    |    |               |       |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----|----|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Shearburn's | ch a h    | Ivanhoe  | 11 | 10 | Mr. Chisholme | 1     |
| " Adams'        | roan cb h | Goffy II | 12 | 0  | Owner         | ... 2 |
| " Campbell's    | ch cb h   | Patrick  | 11 | 7  | Mr. Johnson   | 3     |

Won easily. Time—1 min. 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Match. Rs. 100. Catch-weights over 11st. Owners up.

|                     |        |             |     |     |   |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|-----|-----|---|
| Capt. Hutchins'     | g cb h | Cadger      | ... | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Chisholme's dun | cb p   | Imagination | ... | ... | 2 |

Cadger won by half a head.

## SECOND DAY, MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The Selling Stakes. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For all Horses. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the flat.

|                  |         |             |    |    |             |   |
|------------------|---------|-------------|----|----|-------------|---|
| Mr. St. George's | b w g   | The Doctor  | 12 | 4  | Owner       | 1 |
| " Adams'         | br cb g | Rumchap     | 10 | 0  | Mr. Kendall | 2 |
| Capt. Hutchins'  | g w g   | Consolation |    |    |             |   |
|                  |         | Rs. 350     | 11 | 13 | Mr. Chis-   |   |
|                  |         |             |    |    | holme       | 3 |
| Mr. Gough's      | ch cb g | The Poacher | 11 | 8  | Owner       | 0 |

Won in a canter. The Doctor was sold to Mr. Beaver for Rs. 410. Time—58 secs.

The Galloway Plate. For all Galloways. Weight for age. Rs. 150 from the Fund. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. On the flat.

|                 |         |         |      |                   |       |
|-----------------|---------|---------|------|-------------------|-------|
| Mr. Shearburn's | ch a p  | Ivanhoe | 12 0 | Mr. Chisholme     | 1     |
| " Chisholme's   | b cb m  | Poppy   | 11 8 | Hon. C. Lascelles | 2     |
| Capt. Green's   | br a h  | Seagull | 11 7 | Owner             | ... 3 |
| " Apperley's    | br cb h | Jimmy   | 11 3 | Ditto             | ... 0 |

Won by a length and a half. Time—1 min. 38 secs.

All-horse Handicap. Rs. 40 for winners. Rs. 25 for losers accepting. Rs. 300 from the Fund.

|                 |         |               |      |               |       |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Beaver's    | b w m   | Octoroon      | 11 4 | Mr. Chisholme | 1     |
| " Kendall's     | b a h   | Corone        | 9 4  | Owner         | ... 2 |
| Major Kinlock's | b w m   | Sally         | 12 7 | Capt. Green   | 3     |
| Mr. Remington's | b w g   | Lion          | 8 7  | Native        | ... 0 |
| " Kendall's     | ch cb m | Lady Hamilton | 9 12 | Ditto         | ... 0 |

Won by 2 lengths all out. Time—2 mins. 35 secs.

Pony Handicap. Rs. 100 from the Fund. Rs. 10 acceptance. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the flat.

|                 |          |           |      |               |       |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Shearburn's | ch a h   | Ivanhoe   | 12 7 | Mr. Chisholme | 1     |
| Capt. Brough's  | br cb h  | Jerry     | 9 11 | Capt. Green   | 2     |
| Mr. Remington's | b cb m   | Lucy      | 7 0  | Native        | ... 3 |
| " Campbell's    | ch cb h  | Patrick   | 10 7 | _____         | ... 0 |
| " Abbot's       | ch cb m  | Firetail  | 8 7  | _____         | ... 0 |
| " Adams'        | dun cb h | Schoolboy | 9 7  | _____         | ... 0 |

Won by 3 lengths. Time—1 min. 2 secs.

A Cashmere Cup, presented by His Highness the Maharajah of Cashmere and Jummoo, G. C. S. I. A Welter Handicap. Rs. 16 for acceptors. Distance 1 mile.

|                 |         |             |       |                   |       |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Mr. Beaver's    | ch w g  | Clansman    | 12 10 | Capt. Brough      | 1     |
| " Shearburn's   | g cb m  | Val         | 10 3  | Stevens           | ... 2 |
| " Butson's      | ch cb g | Lucifer     | 12 1  | Mr. Chisholme     | 3     |
| Capt. Smith's   | g cb g  | Charlie     | 10 3  | Hon. C. Lascelles | 0     |
| Mr. Broadfoot's | g cb g  | Tom         | 8 7   | Mr. Kendall       | 0     |
| " Gough's       | ch cb g | The Poacher | 10 12 | " Steele          | 0     |
| " St. George's  | b w g   | The Doctor  | 11 8  | Owner             | ... 0 |
| " Remington's   | b w g   | Lion        | 10 5  | Ditto             | ... 0 |
| " Adams'        | b w m   | The Wasp    | 12 11 | Ditto             | ... 0 |
| Capt. Brough's  | g w g   | Monarch     | 10 7  | Capt. Green       | 0     |

Val who carried 6lbs. over weight made the running at a rare pace the others all together till the turn into the straight, when Val and Clansman came away, Clansman winning a good race by a length and a half. Lucifer a good third. His Highness the Maharajah's gift produced a field of ten, seldom seen in India, and, trust that his generosity having led to such a good race, he may be induced to become a regular patron of the Sealkote meetings.

The chasing on the 15th and 17th was a great success, the course being capital going, and the chases run at a great pace and closely

contested. In the Cob Chase four horses landed over the last fence together, and in the Grand National three, and during the two days but one horse refused and one fell.

### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The Grand National. Rs. 400 from the Fund. For all horses. Distance about 2 miles over the Steeplechase course.

|               |         |             |    |    |               |     |   |
|---------------|---------|-------------|----|----|---------------|-----|---|
| Capt. Green's | b w m   | Medora      | 12 | 9  | Owner         | ... | 1 |
| " Brough's    | g w g   | Monarch     | 11 | 11 | Owner         | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Butson's  | b ob g  | Warrior     | 10 | 9  | Mr. Chisholme | ... | 3 |
| " Gough's     | ch ob g | The Poacher | 10 | 4  | Mr. Close     | ... | 0 |

Won easily by a length. Time—5 mins. 55 secs.

The Lilliputian Grand National. Rs. 280 from the Fund. For all Ponies 13 hands and under. Distance about 6 furlongs over jumps.

|                |         |          |    |    |               |     |   |
|----------------|---------|----------|----|----|---------------|-----|---|
| Capt. Brough's | br cb h | Jerry    | 10 | 1  | Capt. Green   | ..  | 1 |
| Mr. Fife's     | b cb h  | Scamp    | 11 | 0  | Mr. Chisholme | ... | 2 |
| " Beaver's     | b cb m  | Primrose | 10 | 10 | Native        | ... | 0 |

Jerry, the only jumper, won as he liked.

The Cob Chase. Rs. 250 from the Fund. For all horses 15 hands and under. Distance about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase course.

|               |         |            |    |    |                      |          |   |
|---------------|---------|------------|----|----|----------------------|----------|---|
| Mr. Butson's  | ch ob g | Lucifer    | 11 | 7  | Mr. Chisholme        | ...      | 1 |
| " Shearburn's | g cb m  | Val        | 11 | 4  | Mr. Gough            | ..       | 2 |
| " Adams'      | b w m   | The Wasp   | 11 | 10 | Owner                | ...      | 3 |
| Capt. Smith's | g cb g  | Charlie    | 11 | 6  | Hon. C. Lascelles... | 0        |   |
| Mr. Mansel's  | ch ob g | Starvation | 11 | 11 | Capt. Green          | refused. |   |

A good race won by half a length. Time—5 mins. 25 secs.

The Galloway Chase. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For all horses 14 hands and under. Distance about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase course.

|                 |        |       |    |    |       |     |     |
|-----------------|--------|-------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|
| Mr. Chisholme's | b ob m | Poppy | 11 | 11 | Owner | ... | w o |
|-----------------|--------|-------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|

Pony Race. Non-commissioned officers and men, R. H. A. 11 starters.

|                 |              |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Driver Mathew's | Crooktail    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Driver Deacon's | Fly by Night | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Gunner Walter's | Swift        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

The Pony Chase. Rs. 100 from the Fund. For all ponies 13-2 and under. About one mile over the Steeplechase course.

|                 |        |          |    |   |                   |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|----------|----|---|-------------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Adams' roan | cb h   | Goffy II | 12 | 0 | Owner             | ... | 1 |
| " Hopkins'      | w cb g | Tricolor | 11 | 4 | Hon. C. Lascelles | ... | 2 |
| " Burton's      | b ob m | Playmate | 11 | 0 | Mr. Chisholme     | ... | 0 |

A good race between Tricolor and Goffy II. Won by a length.

## FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The 9th Lancers Subalterns' Cup, presented by E. E. Shearburn, Esq., on its conditions, added to an optional sweepstakes commencing at one Gold Mohur, p. p. on all entries. Calcutta weight for age and class raised 4st. Distance  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase course. 14 entries.

|               |         |            |       |               |      |   |
|---------------|---------|------------|-------|---------------|------|---|
| Mr. Butson's  | ch cb g | Lucifer    | 12 4  | Mr. Adams     | ...  | 1 |
| „ Shearburn's | g w m   | Frailty    | 12 11 | „ Gough       | ...  | 2 |
| „ Hearsay's   | ch cb m | Queen Bess | 10 11 | Owner         | ...  | 3 |
| „ Shearburn's | g cb m  | Val        | 10 11 | Mr. Chisholme | fell |   |

Frailty made the running at a good pace to suit her stable companion who, however, fell at the stone wall, and though quickly remounted and set going, repeated the performance at the same fence next round, leaving Lucifer to win by two lengths from Frailty.

The Scientific Stakes. Rs. 50 from the Fund. For all ponies, the property of members of the Garrison class. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the flat.

|                |          |       |     |     |   |
|----------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|---|
| Mr. Campbell's | Patrick  | Owner | ... | ... | 1 |
| „ Reay's       | Jinks    | ditto | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ Shaw's       | No Name  | ditto | ... | ... | 3 |
| „ Peter's      | Milkman  | ditto | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Johnson's    | Kathleen | ditto | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Hearsay's    | Bacchus  | ditto | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Fagan's      | Mammoth  | ditto | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Lucas'       | Jack     | ditto | ... | ... | 0 |

This was a start handicap and a raw race. Won by a head, neck between second and third.

## Pony Race. N. C. O.'s 9th Lancers. 18 starters.

|                        |           |          |          |     |   |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----|---|
| Sergeant Watkins'      | g cb m    | Tiny     | Owner    | ... | 1 |
| Sergeant-Major Avery's | roan cb m | Gardener | Sergeant | ... |   |
|                        |           |          | Hearnden | ... | 2 |
| Sergeant Smith's       | b cb p    | Alfy     | Owner    | ... | 3 |

Handicap Steeplechase. Rs. 250 from the Fund. Distance 2 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

|                |         |             |       |           |     |   |
|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------|-----|---|
| Mr. Gough's    | ch cb g | The Poacher | 11 6  | Owner     | ... | 1 |
| Capt. Brough's | g w g   | Monarch     | 13 0  | ditto     | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Butson's   | b cb g  | Warrior     | 11 12 | Mr. Adams | ... | 3 |

A fast run race, and all in it to the distance, when the weight telling on Monarch and Warrior. The Poacher came away, and won by half a length.

## Match. Rs. 1,000 a side. H. F. Distance 1 mile on the flat.

|                 |        |         |      |           |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|-----|---|
| Mr. Shearburn's | g w m  | Frailty | 11 0 | Mr. Gough | ... | 1 |
| „ Chisholme's   | b cb m | Poppy   | 11 0 | Owner     | ... | 2 |

Won easy.

— The Pioneer

# BAHAWULPORE RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, THE 5TH MARCH, 1877.

Messrs. Collins and Petman's Purse. Value Rs. 250 for all Arabs and Country-breds.

C. W. raised 1st. Winners of the season once, 5lbs.; twice, 7lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Distance 1 mile.

|                 |         |                |              |     |   |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Field's     | c cb g  | Sir Robert     | Capt. Terrot | ... | 1 |
| „ H's           | b cb g  | Vivian         | Mr. Brereton | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Jackson's | c cb m  | Lady Hamilton  | Native       | ... | 3 |
| Mr. Galway's    | br cb m | Wild Flower    | Ditto        | ... | 0 |
| Capt. Brander's | b cb m  | Blade of Grass | Mr. Lambert  | ... | 0 |

Out of seven entries five faced the starter, Corone being especially conspicuous by his absence. A false start resulted in Sir Robert coming nearly round before he could be pulled up. Next time the lot were despatched. He and Lady Hamilton getting off some six lengths ahead raced to the 3 furlong post where Vivian joining issue, a good race ensued. Sir Robert winning by a length the same between second and third.

A Cup. Value Rs. 500, presented by H. H. the Nawab of Bahawalpore. For all horses. Colonials 11st. Country-breds 10st. Arabs 9st. Winners 7lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|                 |       |          |              |     |     |   |
|-----------------|-------|----------|--------------|-----|-----|---|
| Major Kinlock's | b w m | Sally    | Capt. Terrot | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dr. Watson's    | g w g | Melrose  | Mr. Lambert  | ... | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Keadall's   | d w m | Margaret | Owner        | ... | ... | 3 |
| Capt. Bastow's  | b w m | Lynette  | Native       | ... | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Galway's    | g w m | Violet   | Mr. Brereton | ... | ... | 0 |

The lot were despatched to a good start. Melrose, Margaret and Lynette taking up the running; at the half mile the latter retired. Sally closing up to the quarters of the other two, this order was maintained until opposite the stand where Sally came to the front and won easily by a length and a half. A length separating Melrose and Margaret.

For all Ponies 13-2 and under.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Rs. 100 added.

H. H. the Nawab's c a p Prince of Ponies ... w o

For Hacks. Winner to be sold for Rs. 300. Colonials 11st. Arabs and Country-breds 10st. Rs. 100. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                   |        |              |              |     |   |
|-------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Doran's       | b w g  | Whalebone    | Capt. Terrot | ..  | 1 |
| „ Wilson's        | b w g  | One-too-Many | Irvine       | ... | 2 |
| H. H. the Nawab's | b cb m | Heartsease   | Mr. Brereton | ... | 3 |
| Capt. Jackson's   | c cb g | Tommy Atkins | Native       | ... | 0 |

Whalebone and One-too-Many getting the best of an indifferent start, had the race to themselves. One-too-Many, though he answered

Irvine's determined call, gamely enough could get no nearer than a neck, and the old plater added another to his long list of wins.

For Country-bred ponies 13-2 and under. 13-2 to carry 10-7. 3lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile heats. Rs. 100.

|                   |          |          |             |     |   |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Calthrop's    | blk cb p | Chunga   | Mr. Lambert | ... | 1 |
| Baboo R. R. Pal's | g cb p   | Kalu     | Native      | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Roupell's     | c cb m   | The Lady | Mr. Kane    | ... | 3 |

Blacka being an absentee and The Lady having unfortunately lamed herself at exercise, the day before Chunga had only Kalu to beat which he did in a canter.

### SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1877.

Steeplechase for all horses. A Cup value Rs. 500, presented by H. H. the Nawab. Walers 12st., Capes 11st., Arabs and Country-breds 10st. Winners to carry 5lbs. Maidens allowed 5lbs. Distance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                |         |             |              |     |     |   |
|----------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----|-----|---|
| Mr. Kendall's  | d w m   | Margaret    | Irvine       | ... | ... | 1 |
| Capt. Bastow's | l c b g | Rapid Rhone | Lawrence     | ... | ... | 2 |
| Dr. Watson's   | g w g   | Melrose     | Capt. Terrot | ... | ... | 0 |

Melrose refusing at a wall, and Rapid Rhone at the double, left Margaret to win as she liked.

Galloway Steeplechase of Rs. 250. 14 hands to carry 11st. 3lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Winners to carry 7lbs. Distance 2 miles.

|                 |        |         |          |     |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|-----|-----|---|
| Capt. Jackson's | b cb h | Zephyr  | Irvine   | ... | ... | 1 |
| Major Gordon's  | c cb h | Rob Roy | Lawrence | ... | ... | 2 |

Notwithstanding the fact that out of five entries only two declared to start, the Stewards sportingly agreed to give the added money. A good race resulted, Zephyr's jumping education being very far from complete, was counterbalanced by the fact that he could gallop round Rob Roy. The two kept together nearly the whole way. Irvine somehow managing to keep his horse on his legs over the jumps had the race at his mercy as soon as he got to the run in and won hands down by a couple of lengths.

Arab and Country bred Steeplechase. Rs. 250. Arabs 10st. 7lbs. Country-breds 11st. Winners 7lbs. extra. Distance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                   |         |             |              |     |      |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----|------|
| Mr. Bourke's      | g cb m  | Frailty     | Mr. Brereton | ... | 1    |
| „ Galway's        | br cb m | Wild Flower | „ Lambert    | ... | 2    |
| Capt. Bastow's    | ch cb m | Pretty Girl | Irvine       | ... | fell |
| H. H. the Nawab's | ch cb h | Lightfoot   | Lawrence     | ... | fell |
| Kadir Bux's       | b cb h  | Legs        | Owner        | ... | fell |

Pretty Girl and Lightfoot rushed off with a lead followed by Legs, Wild Flower and Frailty in the order named, which was maintained to the water where Pretty Girl fell shaking Irvine badly. Lightfoot

chanced the next wall and came over on Lawrence breaking his collar bone. Legs having got rid of his sporting owner by putting him down and then kicking him in the face, went home. Wild Flower's rider made a mistake as to the course and had to go back a quarter of a mile leaving Frailty to canter in alone.

Steeplechase for Ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 200 added, 13-2 to carry 10st. 10lbs. ; 3lbs. allowed for every half-inch. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                   |        |                  |              |       |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| Gul Mahomed's     | b cb g | Ginger           | Owner        | ... 1 |
| Mr. Haig's        | b cb m | Kitty            | Mr. Lambert  | 2     |
| H. H. the Nawab's | b cb g | Kuch Parwa Nahin | Mr. Brereton | 0     |

Kuch Parwa Nahin bolted off the course soon after the start. Kitty developed a taste for refusing, and Ginger admirably ridden by Gul Mahomed, won easily in spite of a fall.

Municipal Purse. Rs. 200, for native gentlemen resident in the State of Bahawulpore. Distance 1 mile.

|                      |        |          |                 |       |
|----------------------|--------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| Syad Sher Shah's     | g cb m | Countess | Owner           | ... 1 |
| Nawab Nizam-ud-din's | g cb h | Huma     | Mr. Brereton... | 2     |
| The Kotwal's         | b cb h | Karna    | Owner           | ... 0 |

It was too dark to see the start of this race but Huma seems to have made the running to the half mile where Countess came to the front and not being headed again won easily.

### THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1877.

Handicap for all Ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 100. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                   |         |                  |      |              |       |
|-------------------|---------|------------------|------|--------------|-------|
| H. H. the Nawab's | c a p   | Prince of Ponies | 10 2 | Mr. Brereton | 1     |
| Mr. Kendall's     | b cb m  | Blacka           | 10 7 | Owner        | ... 2 |
| „ Calthrop's      | bl cb g | Charger          | 8 0  | Mr. Eyre     | ... 0 |
| Babu R. R. Pal's  | g cb p  | Kalu             | 5 7  | Native       | ... 0 |

Blacka and Prince of Ponies ran together to the distance when the latter came away winning in a canter.

Handicap for all horses. Rs. 250. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                 |       |          |      |              |       |
|-----------------|-------|----------|------|--------------|-------|
| Major Kinlock's | b w m | Sally    | 11 0 | Capt. Terrot | ... 1 |
| Dr. Watson's    | g w g | Melrose  | 9 9  | Mr. Lambert  | ... 2 |
| Mr. Kendall's   | d w m | Margaret | 10 5 | Owner        | ... 3 |

Melrose making the running at a good pace led to the distance where Sally came up, the mare eventually winning easily.

Handicap Steeplechase. For galloways.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Rs. 150.

|                |         |         |      |              |       |
|----------------|---------|---------|------|--------------|-------|
| Major Gordon's | ch cb h | Rob Roy | 11 0 | Capt. Terrot | ... 1 |
| Mr. Wilson's   | b cb g  | Ditto   | 10 0 | Owner        | ... 2 |



Of five galloways handicapped only the two Rob Roys put in an appearance at the post, Major Gordon's little chesnut winning rather easily after refusing the double. Mr. Wilson's horse fell at a wall but was remounted quickly.

Arab and Country-bred handicaps. Rs. 250. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                 |        |                |      |              |       |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|------|--------------|-------|
| Capt. Brander's | b cb m | Blade of Grass | 8 0  | Mr. Eyre     | ... 1 |
| Mr. H.'s        | b cb g | Vivian         | 9 2  | Capt. Terrot | . 2   |
| „ Kendall's     | c cb m | Lady Hamilton  | 10 0 | Native       | ... 3 |
| „               | b a h  | Corone         | 10 7 | Owner        | ... 0 |

The talent spotted Corone as a certainty for this and he was consequently a hot favorite at the lotteries. Blade of Grass and Vivian getting trifle the best of a good start came along at a merry pace, the Arab lying last eight or ten lengths off; this order was maintained to the turn into the straight when Corone made his effort but failed to get up, the Blade winning by a couple of lengths from Vivian, Lady Hamilton the same distance behind third, Corone pulled up.

Handicap Steeplechase. For all horses. Rs. 200. Distance  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                |        |             |      |              |       |
|----------------|--------|-------------|------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Bourke's   | g cb m | Frailty     | 10 7 | Capt. Terrot | ... 1 |
| Major Bugmam's | br w g | Baronet     | 12 0 | Mr. Thompson | . 2   |
| Mr. Galway's   | b cb m | Wild Flower | 10 7 | Mr. Brereton | ... 0 |

The lot came down to the water nearly together. Wild Flower picked on landing and came down. Baronet fell at the big wall, Frailty fencing well came round never giving the others a chance of making up lost ground, though both were remounted quickly and went over the course.

Handicap for Galloways. 1 mile.

|                   |        |                  |      |              |       |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|------|--------------|-------|
| H. H. the Nawab's | c a p  | Prince of Ponies | 9 10 | Mr. Brereton | 1     |
| Mr. Kendall's     | g a p  | Gazelle          | 10 7 | Owner        | ... 2 |
| „ H.'s            | g w g  | Postboy          | 10 7 | Capt. Terrot | 0     |
| „ Kendall's       | b cb g | Zephyr           | 9 7  | Native       | ... 0 |

The Prince jumped off with a lead, never was headed, and won as he liked.

## MHOW RACES, 1877.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Stewards.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MAJOR-GENL. SIR H. DALY, K. C. B. | LIEUT.-COL. ANDERSON, A. A. G. |
| MAJOR-GENL. MONTGOMERY, C. S. I.  | CAPT. GATACRE, 23RD N. I.      |
| COLONEL WATSON, C. B., V. C.      | CAPT. HAMILTON, R. H. A.       |
| MAJOR VINCENT, 3RD HUSSARS.       | C. CHEYNE, ESQ.                |
| LIEUT.-COL. BOYD, 17TH REGIMENT.  | CAPT. WITHERS, 25TH N. I.      |

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1877.

Yesterday was the first day of the Central India race meeting at Mhow, which had been unavoidably postponed from Christmas, when it

was originally intended to have been held, owing to H. H. the Maharaja of Holkar, H. H. the Maharaja of Dhar, H. H. the Nawab of Jowra, and other Central India Chiefs being absent at the Delhi Imperial Assemblage. Owing to the lateness of the season it was thought that there would be very few entries for the races, but through the unwearied exertions of the energetic Secretary, there were fair fields for the different races, and the sport was good. I cannot speak too highly of the first-rate arrangements which are made at this very popular race meeting, for the comfort of spectators in the stand, the weighing room for jockeys, &c., &c., and it would be well if some of the large meetings took example. The officers of the garrison with their usual hospitality provided refreshments in tents pitched alongside the grand stand. The stand and enclosure with its green lawn presented a most picturesque appearance, though there were fewer ladies in attendance than we remember on former occasions. The whole was enlivened by the splendid band of the King's Own Hussars, which Major Vincent and officers kindly permitted to play during the afternoon.

The great event of the day was the Hussar Cup which was third on the card, and four horses faced the starter. There had been much speculation during the previous week, the two favorites being Major Crossbie's Nonpareil and Colonel Chesshyre's Farewell; and much anxiety had been experienced by the owners of these valuable animals, from the want of G. Rs, and the Majority of light weight G. Rs on this side of India were telegraphed to and entreated to come and steer the respective horses. The difficulty was, however, overcome through Captain Willoughby's nomination being scratched, and that gentleman undertaking to steer Old Soldier (not the pleasantest of mounts) thereby allowing Mr. Baldock (a well known G. R.) to ride for Major Crossbie, and that fine horseman, Mr. Elliot, good naturedly coming all the way from Poona to ride Colonel Chesshyre's Farewell.

For all Maiden Ponies 13-2 and under. 13-2 to carry 9st. 10lbs. Weight for age and inches. Entrance Rs. 20 with Rs. 150 from the Fund.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                       |       |                |      |            |   |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------|------|------------|---|
| Mr. Windham's         | g a p | Scout          | 9 0  | Imam ...   | 1 |
| Capt. J. Willoughby's | d p   | Leotard        | 9 10 | Mr. Elliot | 2 |
| Mr. Berkley's         | b p   | Prince Charley | 8 8  | Donaldson  | 3 |

Time—59 secs.

Won easy by two lengths. Price Charley was unfortunately left at the post.

Handicap for all Horses. 1 mile. Entrance on 1st January, Rs. 30; 1st February, Rs. 60; 1st March, Rs. 80, with Rs. 500 from the Fund. Half forfeit for those who do not accept. Declarations the same as Galloway Handicap.

|                      |        |            |      |                |   |
|----------------------|--------|------------|------|----------------|---|
| Mr. Thomas's         | b aus  | Raven      | 11 0 | Donaldson ...  | 1 |
| H. H. Kishore Sing's | c aus  | Fireman    | 9 4  | Mr. Baldock... | 2 |
| Maj. Crossbie's      | b aus  | Touchit    | 8 7  | Finch ...      | 3 |
| Mr. Vincent's        | c cb m | Cinderella | 7 0  | Ahmed ...      | 4 |

Time—1 min. 53 secs.

After one failure the lot were dispatched by Colonel Chesshyre to a good start. The country-bred mare and Touchit rushed to the front, Donaldson waiting third with Raven, Fireman last. At the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile post the country-bred gave way, letting up Raven, Fireman gradually decreasing in distance. They ran in this order to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile post, when Raven went to the front and was never headed, winning easily by a length, Fireman coming with a wet sail at the finish, defending Touchit by half a length for second honors.

Hussar Cup. A piece of plate value Rs. 1,500. Presented by the officers 3rd K. O. Hussars. For maiden Arabs. Open to officers on full pay of the Army serving in India. The cup to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. Six years and aged to carry 10 stone; 5 years 9st. 10lbs.; 4 years 9st. 11lb.; 3 years 8st. 11lb. Entrance on 1st January, Rs. 100; 1st February, Rs. 150; 1st March, Rs. 200, with a sweepstakes of Rs. 80 for all horses declared to start and Rs. 500 from the Fund. G. R.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                  |       |             |      |                           |
|------------------|-------|-------------|------|---------------------------|
| Maj. Crossbie's  | c a h | Nonpareil   | 9 1  | Mr. Baldock ... 1         |
| Col. Chesshyre's | g a h | Farewell    | 10 0 | Mr. Elliot ... 2          |
| Mr. Forbes'      | g a h | Amir        | 9 10 | Capt. Franks 3            |
| „ Freeman's      | b a g | Old Soldier | 9 10 | Capt. J. Willoughby ... 0 |

Time—3mins. 2secs.

The lot got away to a good start, being led by the Old Soldier, by a length and a half, Amir and Farewell locked together second, Nonpareil bringing up the rear. In this order they ran to the half mile post, when Farewell drew up to the leading horse. Old Soldier and Amir began to fall back. Nonpareil, lying second round the corner; Old Soldier and Amir were out of it, and Nonpareil passed Farewell, gradually increased his lead, winning hands down by 4 lengths.

The Arab Hack Stakes. For all Arabs. 10st. 7lbs. each. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Entrance Rs. 20, with 150 from the Fund. The winner to be put up to auction at Rs. 600. Surplus over selling price to go to the Fund.

|               |       |           |      |                       |
|---------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------------------|
| Mr. Windham's | b a h | Alladin   | 10 7 | Mr. Baldock ... 1     |
| Mr. Berkley's | b a h | Chieftain | 10 7 | Capt. J. Willoughby 2 |

Small Hope and Flame also ran as good race; Alladin winning by a length and a half.

## SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1877.

The second day of the races may be fairly considered to have been a great success. A slight shower of rain in the morning had laid the dust, and made the afternoon cool and thoroughly enjoyable. The attendance was good, and we were glad to see Major General Montgomery at his old post as judge, and it is a matter of expressed regret that the tour of service of the popular General is about to close. The

special train from Indore brought several well-known faces—Captain Barr, &c., &c. H. H. Bala Rao Holkar, son of H. H. the Maharaja, was present, and we hear intends running a very promising galloway on the third day.

It was a matter of great regret that the race for the Starkey Cup fell through and resulted in a walk over for Nonpareil, no owner daring to face that magnificent colt of Major Crossbie's. After the manner in which he romped home in front of his field on Saturday in the Hussar Cup, and we heartily congratulate Major Crossbie on possessing such a race horse.

The non-commissioned officers' race was won by a very promising pony belonging to Sergeant Major Street, of the King's Own Hussars.

The handicap for all horses resulted in a win to Raven, steadily ridden by Mr. Elliot. Notwithstanding the difference in weight, Raven was favorite, it being almost impossible to bring horses of his class, and Fireman and Touchit together. The Jowrah Purse brought a fair field, in which Syrian and Saracen were made favorites, Dutchman next in demand. Nassib being supported by his stable, justified their confidence by winning easy in the good time of 1min. 56 secs. The handicappers had made the same mistake here, as in Bombay—under-rating the horse. We were glad to see the horse win, and hope that Mr. George's luck has now turned. The chargers was a most exciting race for the local element. Light Dragoon and Sober John were the favorites at the lotteries; Old Soldier and Sham were also backed by their respective parties. They got well away together. Sham at once taking the lead, ran out at a great pace to the distance, followed by Old Soldier at two lengths, the rest in a ruck together. At the distance Mr. Baldock brought Light Dragoon to the front and collared Sham, who after a brief struggle, compounded. Sober John was brought with a determined rush by Mr. Alexander at the finish but failed to reach Light Dragoon, who was landed a winner by Mr. Baldock by a length. Sham defeated for second place by a neck, in the good time of 1min. 26 secs.

For non-commissioned officers. Rs. 50 from the Fund.

|               |        |                |    |   |          |     |   |
|---------------|--------|----------------|----|---|----------|-----|---|
| Street        | b cb p | Prince Charlie | 10 | 7 | Chapman  | ... | 1 |
| Stroud        | b cb p | Red Tape       | 10 | 0 | Bing     | ... | 2 |
| Gouldsworthly | c cb p | Pill Box       | 10 | 7 | De Carle | ... | 0 |
| Geddes        | b cb p | Mud            | 10 | 0 | Morse    | ... | 0 |

The Starkey Cup. A piece of plate value 200 Guineas. Presented by Captain Starkey, 3rd K. O. Hussars. For Arabs. Open to officers on full pay of the Army serving in India. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the winner. Six and aged to carry 10st. 3lbs.; 5 years 9st. 12lbs.; 4 years 9st. 12lbs. A winner of one season, 3lbs. extra; two seasons, 5lbs. extra; three seasons, 7lbs. extra. The winner of the cup in any previous year 7lbs. extra, in addition to any other penalties. Galloways allowed 7lbs.; Maidens allowed 7lbs.; Maidens on the day of the race allowed 12lbs. G. R. Professionals allowed to ride carrying 5lbs. extra. 1½ miles. Entrance on 1st January, Rs. 50; 1st February, Rs. 100; 1st March, Rs. 150;

with Rs. 250 added by the donor of the cup and Rs. 250 from the Fund. The cup will not be given unless 3 horses on different interests start.

Major Crossbie's c a h Noupareil 8 9 Baldock ... w. o.

Handicap for all Horses. Rs. 500 from the Fund. 1½ miles. Entrance 1st January, Rs. 30; 1st February, Rs. 60; 1st March, Rs. 80. Half forfeit for those who do not accept.

|                          |         |         |    |   |            |   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|----|---|------------|---|
| Mr. Thomas's             | bk w g  | Raven   | 11 | 7 | Mr. Elliot | 1 |
| H. H. M. Kishore Singh's | c aus g | Fireman | 9  | 0 | Finch      | 2 |
| Major Crossbie's         | b w g   | Touchit | 8  | 0 | Rumjoo     | 0 |

Tim—2mins. 50secs.

The Jowrah Purse. A purse of Rs. 500, presented by H. H. the Nawab of Jowrah. Handicap for all Arabs. 1 mile. Entrance on 1st January Rs. 30; 1st February, Rs. 60; 1st March, Rs. 80. Half forfeit for those who do not accept. Acceptances at noon same day.

|                   |       |          |   |    |             |     |   |
|-------------------|-------|----------|---|----|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Fuller's      | g a h | Nasib    | 8 | 5  | Finch       | ... | 1 |
| Nawab of Jowrah's | b a h | Syrian   | 9 | 12 | Emaum       | ... | 2 |
| Major Crossbie's  | g a g | Dutchman | 9 | 5  | Mr. Baldock | ... | 3 |
| Nawab of Jowrah's | g a h | Saracen  | 9 | 4  | Mr. Elliot  | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Jones's       | c a h | Kitano   | 8 | 7  | Donaldson   | ... | 0 |

Time—1min. 56secs.

The Charger Stakes. For all horses *bonâ fide* the property of officers serving in the Mhow Division including Augur, that have regularly been ridden on parade for the 3 months previous to the day of the race. A certificate to this effect will be required signed by the Commanding Officer. Weight for age and class raised 3st. 7lbs. Winners, once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; thrice, 1st. extra. Entrance Rs. 20, with Rs. 20 added. G. B. ¾ mile. To close at noon the day before the race.

|              |         |               |    |    |               |   |
|--------------|---------|---------------|----|----|---------------|---|
| Mr. Forbes'  | g a h   | Light Dragoon | 10 | 0  | Mr. Baldock   | 1 |
| " Berkeley's | b aus g | Sober John    | 12 | 11 | Mr. Alexander | 2 |
| " Botham's   | b a h   | Sham          | 10 | 0  | Mr. Elliot    | 3 |
| " Vincent's  | c a h   | Flame         | 10 | 0  | Owner         | 0 |
| " Rant's     | g a g   | Pill Box      | 9  | 11 | Capt. Cooke   | 0 |
| " Freeman's  | b a g   | Old Soldier   | 9  | 11 | Capt. Franks  | 0 |

Time—1min. 26secs.

### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1877.

Yesterday brought to an end the meeting which may fairly have been considered a success. The handicaps were unfathomable, and the night before the lotteries were wonderfully good, some of "the boys dashing it down" as if they really meant it! And it was nearly daylight before the energetic Secretary closed up his books and retired well pleased with the prospects of the morrow.

As regards the racing, an unfortunate circumstance occurred in Scout being unable to draw the weight on going to the scale, after winning easily notwithstanding his lameness, thereby upsetting a regular "pot," Scout having been backed for large sums by the Mhow and Central India party.

The week has been greatly enlivened by the officers of the Royal Artillery giving a splendid ball, which was well attended. The band of the 23rd Regt. N. I., the best band of a native regiment I have ever heard, delighting all by the charming manner in which they rendered all the last new music. I must not forget to mention the match at "Polo" between the officers of the King's Own Hussars and the Central India Horse. There was some excellent play on both sides which resulted in the Hussars winning by one goal. The following gentlemen took part in the contest:—

| <i>Hussars.</i> |     | <i>Central India Horse.</i> |  |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| Mr. Alexander   | ... | Captain Vincent.            |  |
| " Berkeley      | ... | Mr. Masters.                |  |
| " Jackson       | ... | " Chamberlain.              |  |
| Dr. Anderson    | ... | " Durand.                   |  |

Umpires—Captain Neil, C. I. H.; and Mr. Elliot, 1st Bombay Lancers.

In the first event, the pony race, Scout won by two lengths, the country-bred, evidently quite unfit, struggling namely at the finish. On returning to the scale Scout's rider failed to draw the weight and the race was awarded to Leotard. The Holkar's Purse brought six Arabs to the post. A good start was effected and the lot swept past the stand in a cluster, Nasib leading. They went on in this order to the half mile from home, when the two greys, Nasib and Light Dragoon, were done with. On coming into the straight, Dutchman took the lead and appeared to have the best of it. At the distance, Syrian drew to the front, and, disposing of Dutchman, won cleverly by two lengths "all out" in 3-28. Nonpareil pulling up second, Dutchman being eased. Kitano, a bad fourth, being apparently outpaced. It was the general opinion that had Finch been on Nonpareil the result might have been different. As it was, the colt ran a great horse notwithstanding the inartistic finish of his jockey.

The three furlong race was won by Alladin, Sham a good second. The handicap for three quarters of a mile resulted in another win to the Jowrah stable! Saracen landing it by a head from Dutchman, the big horse being too much for the game little galloway in the last three strides. Considering the fact of Dutchman's having already run a severe mile and three quarter race immediately before, we are inclined to think it was asking too much of the little horse, Saracen being a real slippery one for three-quarters of a mile.

Next year we hope to see the gallant 17th Leicestershire Regiment with some horses for the meeting which they have supported this year in such a substantial manner.

Pony Handicap. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Entrance Rs. 20 with 150 added.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

|                      |         |                |     |           |   |
|----------------------|---------|----------------|-----|-----------|---|
| Captain Willoughby's | d c b p | Leotard        | 9 0 | Ahmed     | 1 |
| Mr. Berkeley's       | b c b p | Prince Charlie | 8 0 | Donaldson | 2 |
| " Windham's          | g a p   | Scout          | 9 4 | Emaum     | 0 |

Time—1min. 33secs.

Two mile post in. Entrance Rs. 20. Rs. 200 added.

|                       |        |           |      |            |     |   |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|------|------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Windham's         | b a h  | Alladin   | 10 0 | Mr. Elliot | ... | 1 |
| " Hotham's            | b a h  | Sham      | 9 7  | Ahmed      | ... | 2 |
| " Berkeley's          | b a h  | Chieftain | 9 10 | Brown      | ... | 3 |
| H. H. Prince Shivajee |        |           |      |            |     |   |
| Rao Holkar's          | ch a h | Bijli     | 8 12 | Donaldson  | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Wilson's          | b a h  | Sillidar  | 8 0  | Finch      | ... | 0 |
| " Anderson's          | b a h  | Sapper    | 7 12 | Oo Kit     | ... | 0 |

The Holkar Purse. A purse of Rs. 500 presented by H. H. Maharaja Holkar. Handicap for all Arabs.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Entrance Rs. 50. Rs. 15 forfeit for those who do not accept.

H. H. Nawab of Jowrah's

|                 |        |               |      |             |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|------|-------------|-----|---|
| rah's           | b a h  | Syrian        | 9 7  | Emaum       | ... | 1 |
| Major Crosbie's | ch a c | Nonpareil     | 9 0  | Brown       | ... | 2 |
| Ditto           | g a g  | Dutchman      | 8 10 | Finch       | ... | 3 |
| Mr. Fuller's    | g a h  | Nasib         | 9 0  | Clay        | ... | 0 |
| " Forbes'       | g a h  | Light Dragoon | 8 10 | Mr. Baldock | 0   |   |
| " Jones'        | ch a h | Kitano        | 8 0  | Donaldson   | 0   |   |

Time—3ins. 28secs.

Handicap for all Arabs.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Entrance Rs. 30. Rs. 10 forfeit for those who do not accept. Rs. 200 from the Fund.

|                         |       |            |      |             |   |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|------|-------------|---|
| H. H. Nawab of Jowrah's | g a h | Saracen    | 9 0  | Emaum...    | 1 |
| Major Crosbie's         | g a h | Dutchman   | 8 12 | Finch ...   | 2 |
| Mr. Forbes'             | g a h | Light Dra- |      |             |   |
|                         |       | goon       | 8 10 | Mr. Baldock |   |

Time—1min. 26secs.

The Mhow Steeplechase. For all horses. Weight for age and class raised 3st. 7lbs. About  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase Course. Entrance on 1st January, Rs. 30; 1st February, Rs. 50; 1st March, Rs. 80. At noon the day before the race Rs. 100, with Rs. 300 added from the Fund. Winners of the season—once, 5lb.; twice, 10lb.; thrice, 1 stone extra.

Major Crosbie's      b w g      Touchit      ...      ...      w. o.

— *Bombay Paper.*

## MEERUT SPRING MEETING, 1877.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Racing at the close is generally less interesting than at the commencement of a season. The horses engaged are fewer; their form

is generally too accurately ascertained to permit of the uncertainty that lends so great a charm, and many of the unsuccessful ones are reserved to appear as maidens in the succeeding season. Still the love of sport in the country is so great that wherever a meeting is liberally and ably conducted, even on the verge of the hot weather, we see good racing. It is the Honorary Secretary who makes or mars a meeting. Where he is capable and influential, it goes off brilliantly ; where inefficient and ill-qualified, as at certain places that will readily suggest themselves to sportsmen, it fails.

I am glad to say Meerut, in the hands of Mr. Charsley Thomas, is an unqualified success. The autumn meeting was one of the best of the year, and the present, though of modest pretensions, promises well. At all events the first day afforded capital sport. There were four races. The first fell to Fleur-de-lis, beating Quilp and Cherub easily enough in rather slow time. The little Country-bred was out of his distance, and the Arab, a very handsome maiden, the property of the Sporting Honorary Secretary, was quite untrained. Four then weighed out for the All-Horse Handicap, in which so skilfully were the weights adjusted, that there was no prominent favorite, Royal having perhaps the call in popular favor. The race was run throughout at a strong pace, and Royal won after a splendid set-to with Yanathon. Near the half mile post the four were in line, and it looked any one's race, but the steeplechaser and Octoroon failed to stay the two miles, and were beaten by seven or eight lengths, the time being 3mins. 47secs.

Seven were colored on the card for the Arab and Country-bred handicap, but Corone and Lady Hamilton, delayed *en route* from Bahawalpore, were unfortunately absentees. Still the field was strong and of good quality. The "talent" picked the Country-bred mare Mermaid, 10st. 4lbs., who seemed to have a great chance on her running in Mr. Collins' Cup at the autumn meeting, and backed her at short odds, the top weight, Anarchy, 10st. 12lbs., coming next in request ; Cardigan, 8st. 13lbs., Navarino, 9st. 3lbs., and Sir Robert, 8st. 10lbs., being scarcely noticed. Singularly enough, they ran first, second, and third, Cardigan, the winner of the Calcutta Derby two years ago, winning easily, unbacked for a rupee by his stable. Mermaid, a jade who never runs twice alike, cut it when going well at the home turn. Want of condition stopped Sir Robert. Anarchy was on the big side, and the weight proved too much for him. I still hope to see him successful this season, if the handicappers treat him a little more leniently. His owner, Baboo Mohiny Mohun Dass of Dacca, is a thorough-going sportsman, and deserves every credit for starting his splendid little horse at all kinds of weight at meetings so distant from his home, and he may rest assured his victories are as popular in the North-West as at Dacca. Six sported silk for the Little-Go Steeplechase, over which there was a lot of speculation, Pink being favorite ; but he jumped the gallant sergeant who bestrode him out of the saddle at the first obstacle and galloped to his stable. The rest, save only Overture, who scrambled over his fences in a fashion of his own, fell at intervals. Spinaway and Kangaroo got away, but Billy, quickly remounted by Green after his mishap, ran Overture to half a length, King Iarbus a fair third. The course was



far too severe for any thing of the pony class. Indeed the Meerut Chase Course is by far the stiffest in the North-West, and might be reduced with advantage.

# FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1877.

Pony Handicap. For all ponies 13-2 and under. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Rs. 100 from Funds.

|                |           |              |       |        |       |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Mr. Maitland's | c a u s m | Fleur-de-lis | 10 12 | Owner  | ... 1 |
| „ Cook's       | b c p     | Quilp        | 8 2   | Tingey | ... 2 |
| „ Charsley's   | c a p     | Cherub       | 8 10  | Owner  | ... 3 |

Fleur-de lis and Quilp ran together to the quarter post when the Australian came away and won easily, Cherub a good third. Time—1min. 32 secs.

All-Horse Handicap. Rs. 300 from Funds. Distance 2 miles.

|                 |           |           |     |        |       |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--------|-------|
| Mr. F Johnson's | b w g     | Royal     | 9 2 | Ryder  | ... 1 |
| „ Cook's        | g w g     | Yanathon  | 8 4 | Tingey | ... 2 |
| „ Geneste's     | g w g     | Hurricane | 9 0 | Cozens | ... 3 |
| „ Beaver's      | b a u s m | Octoroon  | 8 7 | Jaffir | ... 4 |

Mr. Baker having despatched the horses at the second attempt to a good start, they passed the stand, Hurricane leading, Royal, Octoroon, and Yanathon following at intervals of a length. Going along the back straight, the pace became very fast, and no change occurred until after passing the mile-post, when Octoroon and Royal went up and raced Hurricane to the half-mile, where the mare and the steeple-chaser succumbed and Yanathon joined issue, a great race between the two ending in the victory of Royal by a length, Hurricane third, six or seven lengths off. Time—1min. ; 1min. 27secs. ; 2 mins. 25secs. ; 2mins. 51secs. ; 3 mins. 47 secs.

Arab and Country-Bred Handicap. Rs. 250 from Funds. Distance 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                   |           |               |       |               |       |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Kesser's      | g a h     | Cardigan      | 8 13  | Tingey        | ... 1 |
| „ Maitland's      | b a h     | Navarino      | 9 3   | Owner         | ... 2 |
| „ Field's         | c c b h   | Sir Robert    | 8 10  | Robinson      | 3     |
| Babu M. M. Doss's | b a h     | Anarchy       | 10 12 | Ryder         | ... 0 |
| Capt. J.'s        | c c c b m | Lady Hamilton | 10 7  | did not start |       |
| Mr. Geneste's     | b c b m   | Mermaid       | 10 4  | Cozens        | ... 0 |
| The Confederate's | b a h     | Corone        | 9 10  | did not start |       |

Navarino, quickest on his legs, was the first to show in front, Sir Robert, Mermaid, Anarchy, and Cardigan succeeding. After going a quarter of a mile Navarino was steadied, Sir Robert assuming the lead, with Mermaid and Anarchy a length or so behind, Navarino at their heels, and Cardigan last. In this order they continued until reaching the half mile, where Cardigan forged his way to the front. When in the straight Navarino passed the heavy weights and Sir

Robert, but failed to reach Cardigan, who won by three lengths, Sir Robert a length from Navarino, Anarchy fourth, well up. Time 2mins. 57secs.

Little-Go Steeplechase. For all Country-bred ponies 13-2 and under. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles. Rs. 200 from Fund.

|                  |        |             |    |    |               |       |
|------------------|--------|-------------|----|----|---------------|-------|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | b cb p | Overture    | 9  | 2  | Tingey        | ... 1 |
| „ Anderson's     | b cb p | Billy       | 10 | 10 | Green         | ... 2 |
| Sergt. Hearne's  | g cb p | King Iarbus | 10 | 7  | Owner         | ... 3 |
| Major Watson's   | c cb p | Pink        | 10 | 8  | Paisley       | fell. |
| Mr. A.'s         | b cb m | Spinaway    | 10 | 0  | Hon. R. Leigh | fell. |
| Sergt. Buck's    | b cb p | Kangaroo    | 10 | 4  | Robinson      | fell. |

The Hon'ble R. Leigh showed the way over the first fence, a formidable wall, with Spinaway; Pink following, jumping his rider clean out of the saddle and escaping; Overture, Billy and King Iarbus succeeded, but Kangaroo fell and gave his jockey, Robinson, a severe shaking. At the in-and-out Spinaway refused, and Billy falling, King Iarbus went on with a considerable lead (Overture next) to the big wall at the top of the straight, where he fell and left Overture at the head of affairs; but Billy had been quickly remounted by Green, and catching Mr. Johnston's pony at the hurdles was the first to land on to the straight run-in. Here Overture proved the fastest, and won after a good finish by half a length, King Iarbus third, twenty lengths off.

#### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1877.

Time is very precious at Meerut just now. Literally I had not a minute at my disposal yesterday, and to-day only an hour or so. On Thursday evening there was a station ball and a very good one it was: the fine rooms of Belvedere well lighted, good floor, a good supper with by no means bad champagne, good music, and agreeable people. Heavy rain stopped polo on Thursday, so the first game for the championship of Northern India was played on Friday morning. That occupied us until eleven, then we had an hour for breakfast, at noon lotteries, at 4 o'clock racing, and at five the second polo match. Then of course we dined, and that brings me to this morning—hunting, the final polo match, settling, and a departure for Lahore. Therefore expect not much from me. Of the polo, I can only say the play was both fast and good. The 54th West Norfolk, who so pluckily accepted the challenge of the 13th Hussars at Lucknow the other day, failed to score more than a single goal to six of the 9th Lancers, the latter having the advantage in ponies and playing in excellent form. The 15th Hussars made a gallant but useless stand against the 10th, who are exceedingly strong and well mounted. This leaves the 9th Lancers and 10th Hussars to play the *finale* this afternoon. The heavy rain of the night made the going on Thursday glorious. No turf in England could be better—green and soft, and elastic, you could scarcely hear your horses tread as they swept over its thick, rich grass. It is the result of much labor and a liberal expenditure in dressing.

Pity other secretaries cannot be induced to copy Mr. Charaley Thomas's efforts. We should hear of fewer breakdowns and sore, stale horses. The lotteries were well attended. For the opening event there were but two competitors, but these were the subject of much speculation. The Waler Galloway Ooloo 10st. 12lbs., met the pony Fleur-de-lis with 8st. 12lbs. At Umballa, conceding 24lbs. the former won as she liked; but here she seemed stale after her Calcutta trip, while the pony was blooming. The soft ground favored the light weight, and after a slashing race Fleur-de-lis won by half a length.

Four saddled for the Hack Race—four of the meanest looking ones I ever saw. Breeze, undeniably fast for half a mile, just won as she liked, after showing temper at the start and bucking her sporting rider, a first-class horse-mau, on to the turf in front of the stand.

The Country-bred handicap produced a field of four, Mermaid the favorite, but both Lady Ald and Sir Robert were freely backed. Mermaid ran unkindly throughout, and the race fell to Lady Ald after a fine set-to with the handsome Sir Robert, the time being three seconds faster than that occupied in covering the same distance in the first race.

Four were on the card for the steeplechase for horses fifteen hands and under, but Mabel Grey was lame and did not start. Jack, the hero of eight successive wins between the flags, brought the highest price in the lotteries, though Latakia and the Australian Echo had supporters. Piloted by Captain Humfrey, his former owner, he led from start to finish at a strong pace, and won as he liked, Latakia having refused once, and Echo run out at the bank opposite the stand.

The Charger's Stakes concluded the afternoon's sport. The 15th Hussars brought out six and Major Pemberton one, all fine-looking Arabs of which the pick furnished the first three; First Flight, the Deyra Derby winner of 1875, landing the prize by a couple of lengths from Adonis, with Lothair third.

Galloway Handicap. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Rs. 150 from Funds.

|             |           |              |    |    |       |     |   |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|----|----|-------|-----|---|
| Mr. Kelly's | c a u s p | Fleur-de-lis | 8  | 12 | Owner | ... | 1 |
| „ Johnson's | b w m     | Ooloo        | 10 | 12 | Ditto | ... | 2 |

Betting: 6 to 4 on Ooloo; Fleur-de-lis was first away, and led into the straight, when Ooloo challenged, and after a fine race the pony won by half a length. Time—1 min. 26 secs.

Handicap Hurdle Race. For all horses over 10 hurdles. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Rs. 200 from Funds.

|               |       |           |    |    |     |     |       |
|---------------|-------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| Mr. Geneste's | g w g | Hurricane | 10 | 11 | ... | ... | w. o. |
|---------------|-------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|

Hack Race. For all horses, the property of residents of the station. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Rs. 200 added.

|                 |             |    |   |                  |     |   |
|-----------------|-------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Middleton's | Breeze      | 10 | 7 | Owner            | ... | 1 |
| „ Maginac's     | Skirmisher  | 12 | 7 | Ditto            | ... | 2 |
| „ Golightly's   | Dart        | 10 | 7 | Ditto            | ... | 3 |
| „ Reid's        | Sweepstakes | 11 | 0 | Hon'ble R. Leigh | ... | 0 |

After bucking off his rider in front of the stand Breeze got well away, and never giving his opponent a chance, won hands down, by three lengths, Skirmisher second. Time—57 secs.

Country-bred Handicap. For all Country-breds. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Rs. 200 from Funds.

|             |        |            |      |          |       |
|-------------|--------|------------|------|----------|-------|
| Mr. M.'s    | b cb m | Lady Ald   | 9 9  | Ryder    | ... 1 |
| " Field's   | b cb h | Sir Robert | 8 12 | Robinson | ... 2 |
| " Geneste's | b cb m | Mermaid    | 9 11 | Cozens   | ... 3 |
| " Mill's    | —      | Jupiter    | 8 2  | Tingey   | ... 0 |

Lady Ald made all the running, and though closely pressed at the distance by Sir Robert, won cleverly by a length, Mermaid a bad third. Time—1 min. 23 secs.

Steeplechase. The Steward's Cup of Rs. 250, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 20 each. For all horses 15 hands and under. Distance 2 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

|                |        |            |       |             |       |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Mr. Geneste's  | g a h  | Jack       | 12 2  | Mr. Humfrey | ... 1 |
| Capt. Bullen's | c w g  | Echo       | 12 3  | Owner       | ... 2 |
| Mr. Jeffrey's  | g cb m | Mabel Grey | 10 3  | Mr. Sewell  | ... 3 |
| " Reid's       | g a h  | Latakia    | 11 11 | Ryder       | ... 0 |

Mabel Grey was an absentee. Jack led throughout, and won as he liked by twenty lengths. Latakia coming at the finish and beating Echo, though subsequently distanced for being short of weight. Echo ran out at the bank opposite the stand, and Latakia refused at the in-and-out.

Chargers' Stakes. For all Arab Chargers ridden on parade during the Imperial Assemblage, or up to 1st March 1877. Commanding Officer's Certificate required. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Rs. 150 from Funds.

|                   |       |              |       |               |       |
|-------------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Smirke's      | g a h | First Flight | 10 10 | Mr. Johnson   | ... 1 |
| Capt. Hall's      | b a h | Adonis       | 10 7  | Owner         | ... 2 |
| Mr. Sewell's      | b a h | Lothair      | 11 3  | Mr. Sewell    | ... 3 |
| Hon'ble Leigh's   | g a h | Exshaw       | 10 7  | Owner         | ... 0 |
| Mr. Alfrey's      | g a h | Abdoolah     | 10 7  | —             | ... 0 |
| Capt. White's     | g a h | Hindoo       | 10 4  | Owner         | ... 0 |
| Major Pemberton's | g a h | Curacoa      | 10 4  | Capt. Magines | . 0   |

Seven Arabs faced the starter, and were despatched to a good start, First Flight having always the advantage, and winning by three lengths, Lothair a similar distance behind Adonis, Hindoo fourth. Time—1 min. 29 secs.

### THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1877.

Two races were arranged for this afternoon, though not comprised in the original programme. A sporting match of Rs. 1,000 aside between the Delhi winner, Hurricane, and the renowned Chang; weight

11st. 8lbs. each, distance 3 miles; and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile spin for Arabs, Country-breds, and Galloways. Most of the station and a number of visitors turned out to see the sport, and the weather was simply charming after rain overnight. In the match Chang had a slight call in favorism, fetching Rs. 620 to the others 500 in the lottery, and odds of 6 to 4 being betted on him at the start. The Giant was the first away, and led for nearly a mile, when Hurricane joined and was first over the water, Chang jumping into it, but standing up cleverly. At the succeeding Irish band, a sort of jump for which I have a great distaste, which the best horses refuse, and which killed two of the best in India at Lucknow last meeting, *both* declined, but were turned with surprising quickness, and got safely over, Chang showing the way; they now raced together over the broad dry ditch, and approached the ditch and wall by the railing opposite the stand together. Here Chang ran out and had to be brought at it again, the grey gaining two or three hundred yards by the mishap. Chang went on in pursuit, and had made up some of his lost ground, when at the second hurdle from the finish Hurricane refused, and Chang all but reached him, the two taking it close together, and so over the last, but the pace had told its lot on the favorite, and Hurricane came away and won easily by four lengths. Time—6 mins. 25 secs.

Match. Rs. 1,000 each. Distance 3 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

|                |         |           |      |           |           |
|----------------|---------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Mr. Geneste's  | g aus g | Hurricane | 11 8 | and 11 10 | Captain   |
|                |         |           |      |           | Humfrey 1 |
| „ F. Johnson's | b aus g | Chang     | 11 8 |           | Owner 2   |

An objection was lodged against the winner for running out his opponent opposite the stand, on the far side of the course, but disallowed, without, however, any examination of the line taken by the horses having been made.

Handicap. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Rs. 150 from the Fund. For Arabs Country-breds, and Galloways.

|                   |          |              |      |            |     |   |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|------|------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Kesser's      | g a h    | Cardigan     | 9 2  | Tingey     | ... | 1 |
| „ Maitland's      | b a h    | Navarino     | 8 13 | Owner      | ... | 2 |
| „ F. Johnson's    | g aus m  | Ooloo        | 8 8  | Jaffir     | ... | 3 |
| Baboo M. M. Dass' | b a m    | Anarchy      | 9 12 | Ryder      | ... | 0 |
| Mr. M.'s          | b cb m   | Lady Ald     | 10 4 | Robinson   | ... | 0 |
| „ Field's         | c cb g   | Sir Robert   | 9 1  | Stable Boy | ... | 0 |
| „ Maitland's      | ch aus p | Fleur-de-lis | 7 5  | scratched. |     |   |

Ooloo and Anarchy were the favorites. The start was a most unfortunate one, Cardigan and Navarino getting away several lengths in front, and Anarchy being almost knocked over by Lady Ald. The two country-breds made up their lost ground quickly; but in so doing destroyed their chance, and both were beaten at the distance. Cardigan crept gradually away from his field, and though Navarino made a gallant effort he could not reach him, the grey winning by three or four lengths, Ooloo third, Anarchy fourth. Time—1 min. 23 secs.

So ended a most successful little meeting the entire credit being attributed to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Charsley Thomas.—*The Pioneer*.

## LAHORE AND MEEAN MEER RACES, 1877.

Under the management of an influential body of Stewards and the Secretaryship of Captain Bastow, Lahore bids fair to establish itself by the side of Umballa and Meerut in the first rank of Northern Indian Meetings. It has hitherto been very much of a sky affair, confined to local horses. Now they come from afar, attracted by a liberal prospectus, and the card is rich and varied. Of the race course, it is impossible to speak too favorably. Coming from Meerut, one is apt to be critical, but the most fastidious owner could find no fault—smooth and elastic, it almost approached the turf of that favored spot in excellence. The arrangements were admirable. The stand, roofed with a handsome shamiana, was prettily decorated with evergreens and roses in tastefully distributed flower-pots. It looked really charming and was an agreeable contrast to the unsightly edifices with which some Honorary Secretaries are so enamoured, and on which my Meerut and Umballa friends have set their hearts on spending the hard-earned race funds at their disposal, instead of devoting them to their legitimate function of providing rich prizes for the improvement of their meetings. This graceful structure held all Lahore Society this afternoon; the police band played near by, people seemed pleasant, the racing good, and altogether the thing went off well.

Lotteries of a thousand rupees each in tickets filled on all six races.

## FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1877.

The Pony Plate. For all Ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 100 added: 13-2 to carry 11st.; 4lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; C. B.s allowed 7lbs. Winners once, 5lbs.; twice, or oftener 10lbs. Distance 5 furlongs.

|                  |          |               |      |       |   |
|------------------|----------|---------------|------|-------|---|
| Mr. Maitland's   | ch aus m | Fleur-de-lis  | 11 7 | Owner | 1 |
| „ Kendall's      | g a h    | Gazelle       | 11 2 | „     | 2 |
| „ J. Douie's     | b cb p   | Black Prince  | 11 0 | „     | 3 |
| Captain Bastow's | w cb p   | Ugly Mug      | 11 0 | —     | 0 |
| Mr. Dane's       | w cb p   | Humpty Dumpty |      | —     | 0 |

Fleur-de-lis and Gazelle raced together to the distance where the Australian came away and won by a length and a half. Time—1min.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Arab and Country-bred Stakes. Rs. 250 added. Country-breds to carry 11st.; Arabs 10st., winners of races over Rs. 200, once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener, 10lbs., extra. Distance 1 mile.

|                |         |               |       |              |       |
|----------------|---------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Maitland's | b a b   | Navarino      | 10 10 | Owner        | ... 1 |
| „ Field's      | ch cb h | Sir Robert    | 11 10 | Mr. Johnson. | 2     |
| „ Kendall's    | ch cb m | Lady Hamilton | 11 7  | Owner        | ... 3 |
| „ Jones's      | cb m    | Jenny         | 10 11 | Mr. Lincoln. | 0     |

At the fall of the flag, all but Jenny were away together, Lady Hamilton leading round the first turn by half a length, with Navarino a similar distance from Sir Robert, Jenny outpaced. Entering the straight the three were in line. A quarter of a mile from home, Lady Hamilton collapsed, a free race between the other two resulting in the victory of Navarino by a neck. Time—1min. 51½secs.

The Railway Cup. Value Rs. 400. For all horses C. W. A. C., raised 2st., winners of races exceeding Rs. 200, once, 4lbs.; twice or oftener, 7lbs.; 4 to start, or only Rs. 200 will be given. Distance once round the course.

|                  |          |          |       |               |       |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | b aus g  | Royal    | 11 11 | Owner         | ... 1 |
| Major Kinlock's  | b aus m  | Sally    | 11 11 | Capt. Terrot  | . 2   |
| Mr. Beaver's     | b aus m  | Octoroon | 11 11 | Mr. Lascelles | 3     |
| „ Kendall's      | b a h    | Corone   | 9 0   | Owner         | ... 0 |
| „ Beaver's       | ch aus g | Clansman | 11 11 | — —           | ... 0 |

Royal won by a length and a half from Sally, Octoroon retiring after running well for a mile, Clansman and Corone outpaced throughout. Distance 1½ miles, Time—3mins. 25secs.

Lilliput Stakes. For all Country-bred ponies 13 hands and under. Rs. 80 added; 13 hands to carry 10st. 7lbs.; 4lbs. allowed for every ½ inch. Winners once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener, 10lbs. extra. Distance ½ mile.

|                  |        |               |       |              |       |
|------------------|--------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | b cb p | Overture      | 11 0  | Owner        | ... 1 |
| „ Dane's         | w cb p | Humpty Dumpty | 10 7  | Mr. Carnac   | ... 2 |
| Capt. Brough's   | b cb p | Jerry         | 10 7  | Capt. Terrot | . 3   |
| Mr. Stuart's     | b cb p | Kuku Singh    | 8 11  | Mr. Maitland | 0     |
| „ Remington's    | b cb m | Lucy          | 9 1   | „ Silver     | ... 0 |
| „ Sale's         | b cb p | Phantom       | 10 11 | — —          | ... 0 |

Won easily by two lengths by Overture, Humpty Dumpty second, Jerry third. An objection was lodged against the winner for crossing at the start, but was very properly dismissed. Time—1min. ½sec.

The Galloway Stakes. For all horses 14 hands and under. Rs. 200 added: 14 hands to carry 11st.; 4lbs., allowed for every ½ inch. Winners once, 7lbs.; twice, 12lbs.; three times and oftener 14lbs. extra. Distance 1 mile.

|                  |          |              |      |       |       |
|------------------|----------|--------------|------|-------|-------|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | g aus m  | Ooloo        | 11 3 | Owner | ... 1 |
| „ Maitland's     | ch aus m | Fleur-de-lis | 10 9 | Ditto | ... 2 |
| „ Kendall's      | g a h    | Gazelle      | 10 4 | Ditto | ... 3 |
| Lincoln's        | r cb m   | Deceiver     | 10 7 | Ditto | ... 0 |
| Silveru's        | b cb m   | Kate Kearney | 10 3 | Ditto | ... 0 |

Gazelle showed the way for the first half mile and was passed successively by Ooloo and Fleur-de-lis, the big mare having always the advantage, and winning easily by a couple of lengths; Gazelle third.

The Hack Purse. For *bond fide* Hacks. Rs. 100 added; the winner to be put up to auction for Rs. 300, half surplus to second horse. Catch-weights, for Walers 11st. Country-breds and Arabs 10st. Distance ½ mile.

|                |        |              |    |   |             |     |   |
|----------------|--------|--------------|----|---|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Wilson's   | b w g  | One-too-Many | 11 | 0 | Kendall     | ... | 1 |
| „ F Johnson's  | b w m  | Breeze       | 11 | 0 | Mr. Johnson | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Bastow's | bl n m | Lynette      | 11 | 0 | Irving      | ... | 3 |
| „ Terrot's     | b w g  | Whalebone    | 11 | 0 | Owner       | ... | 0 |

Won by One-too-Many by three lengths, Breeze beating Lynette by a head for second place, Whalebone close up. Time—1 min. 25½ secs.

### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1877.

The Dwarf Chase. For all ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 100 added. 13-2 to carry 11st., 4lbs. allowed for every ¼ inch. Winners once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 10. Distance 1½ miles.

|                |        |              |    |   |                |     |   |
|----------------|--------|--------------|----|---|----------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Maitland's | c a m  | Fleur-de lis | 11 | 4 | Owner          | ... | 1 |
| „ Johnson's    | b cb p | Overture     | 10 | 2 | Robinson       | ... | 2 |
| „ Dane's       | b cb p | Jack         | 11 | 0 | Capt. Terrot   | ... | 3 |
| Capt. Bastow's | w cb p | Ugly Mug     | 11 | 0 | Irving         | ... | 4 |
| Mr. Sales's    | b cb p | Phantom      | 10 | 0 | Native Boy     | ... | 0 |
| Adams'         | r cb p | Goffy II.    | 11 | 0 | did not start. |     |   |

Goffy II was an absentee. The rest fenced throughout in good form, Fleur-de-lis winning by three or four lengths, Overture second, Jack, close up, third.

The Free Handicap. for all horses. Rs. 250 added. Entrance for acceptors Rs. 25. Distance 1 mile.

|                 |        |          |    |    |              |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|----------|----|----|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Johnson's   | b w g  | Royal    | 12 | 0  | Owner        | ... | 1 |
| „ Beaver's      | b w m  | Octoroon | 9  | 7  | Ryder        | ... | 2 |
| Major Kinlock's | b w m  | Sally    | 10 | 7  | Capt. Terrot | ... | 3 |
| Capt. Bastow's  | bl w m | Lynette  | 8  | 0  | Sucram       | ... | 4 |
| Mr. Johnson's   | b w m  | Breeze   | 8  | 12 | Robinson     | ... | 0 |

Breeze turned round and refused to start when the flag was lowered and Sally with the syce at her head, lost nearly ten lengths. The rest raced together to the half mile, where Lynette gave way, and Sally went on third. At the distance Octoroon was in difficulties, and Royal won rather easily by a couple of lengths, Sally, four or five lengths off, third. Time—1min. 51½secs.

The West Suffolk Cup. Presented by the Officers of the 63rd Regiment, value Rs. 400. Steeplechase for all horses. Walters to carry 12st. 7lbs.; C.-B.s 11st. 7lbs.; Arabs 10st. 7lbs. Winners once, 7lbs.; twice, 14lbs. extra. Winner claimable for Rs. 2,000. Entrance Rs. 20. Distance about 2 miles.

|                   |       |            |    |   |                  |     |   |
|-------------------|-------|------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Beaver's      | b w g | The Doctor | 13 | 7 | Capt. Brough     | ... | 1 |
| „ Johnson's R. S. | g w g | Fire-king  | 10 | 7 | Green            | ... | 2 |
| „ Burke's         | g w g | Melrose    | 12 | 7 | Capt. Terrot     | ... | 3 |
| „ Lysaght's       | b w h | Squire     | 13 | 0 | } did not start. |     |   |
| Capt. Green's     | b w m | Medora     | 13 | 7 |                  |     |   |



Squire and Medora did not appear on the course, though declared to start. The Doctor shewed the way over the water in front of the stand, Fire-king following with Melrose some lengths in rear. So over the water and succeeding fence. At the on-and-off Melrose overjumped himself and fell, his rider sustaining a slight injury. At the thorn fence, a quarter of a mile further, Fire-king made a mistake and momentarily disposed of his rider, and from this point the old Doctor went along at his ease and won by twenty lengths.

The Lahore Chase. For all horses 14 hands and under. Rs. 200 added; 14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs.; 4lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Winners once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener, 10lbs. extra. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase Course.

|                |        |          |      |              |       |
|----------------|--------|----------|------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Carnac's   | d cb   | Belmont  | 12 3 | Green        | ... 1 |
| „ Johnson's    | b cb p | Overture | 9 8  | Robinson     | ... 2 |
| „ Peters's     | b cb m | Poppy    | 11 7 | Capt. Brough | ... 3 |
| „ Dane's       | b cb p | Jack     | 10 3 | Irving       | ... 0 |
| Major Gordon's | cb h   | Rob Roy  | 11 7 | Lawrence     | ... 0 |

The five starters successfully negotiated the first two fences, clearing the broad water jump in splendid style; but at the on-and-off which followed, Rob Roy jumped clumsily and disposed of his jockey, leaving Jack with the lead, which Irving maintained at a clinking pace to the hurdle, half way down the straight. Here Belmont went to the front followed by Overture and Poppy, and won closely by a couple or three lengths, Overture beating Poppy by a head for second place, with Jack, fourth, close up.

Free Handicap. Winner's first day excluded. Rs. 250 added. Acceptors Rs. 20. Distance about 1 mile.

|                  |          |               |       |               |       |
|------------------|----------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Mr. Beaver's     | c n g    | Clansman      | 11 9  | Capt. Brough  | 1     |
| „ Kendall's      | cb m     | Lady Hamilton | 11 1  | Ryder         | ... 2 |
| „ Johnson's      | b w m    | Breeze        | 11 0  | Owner         | ... 0 |
| Captain Terrot's | ns b w g | Whalebone     | 10 12 | Mongyr        | ... 0 |
| Mr. Kendall's    | b a h    | Corone        | 10 9  | Owner         | ... 0 |
| Captain Bastow's | b w m    | Lynette       | 11 2  | did not start |       |

Darkness approaching, Whalebone was late at the post and left behind. Corone remained stationary when the flag fell, from some reason accountable only to his rider. The rest ran together at a strong pace to the half mile, where Breeze succumbed, and Lady Hamilton looked like winning, but near the distance the waler got the best of her, and won a good race by a length. Time—1 min. 55 secs.

### THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1877.

Handicap Chase. For all horses. Distance about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles. Entrance Rs. 20. Rs. 300 added.

|                |          |             |       |              |       |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Beaver's   | b w g    | The Doctor  | 11 7  | Capt. Brough | ... 1 |
| Capt. Bastow's | r cb g   | Rapid Rhone | 9 12  | Irving       | ... 2 |
| Mr. Johnson's  | b w g    | Chang       | 14 0  | Ryder        | ... 3 |
| Ditto          | ns g a h | Fire-king   | 10 0  | —            | ... 0 |
| „ Kendall's    | d w m    | Margaret    | 11 12 | —            | ... 0 |

The Doctor won easily by three lengths from Rapid Rhone, who beat Chang by a length. Margaret, remounted after falling at the on-and-off, a bad fourth. Fire-king was taken to his stable after refusing at the same fence.

The Chargers' Stakes. For *bond fide* Chargers, the property of, and regularly ridden by officers in the Lahore Division. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Catch-weights; Walers over 12st., C. Bs 11st., Arabs 10st. Entrance Rs. 16. Rs. 200 added.

|                 |       |            |              |     |   |
|-----------------|-------|------------|--------------|-----|---|
| Colonel Black's | b w m | Moonlight  | Mr. Johnson  | ... | 1 |
| Major Kinlock's | b w m | Nightshade | Capt. Brough | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Terrot's  | c a h | Magic      | —————        | ... | 0 |

A fine race between Nightshade and Moonlight: won by the latter by a neck. Time—57 secs.

The Sensation Handicap. A Handicap for Arabs, C.-Bs. and Galloways. Distance  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. Entrance Rs. 20. Rs. 200 added.

|                  |          |               |      |              |     |   |
|------------------|----------|---------------|------|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Maitland's   | ch aus m | Fleur-de-lis  | 8 7  | Owner        | ... | 1 |
| „ Kendall's      | b a h    | Corone        | 9 13 | Ryder        | ... | 2 |
| „ Maitland's     | b a h    | Navarino      | 10 3 | Sucram       | ... | 3 |
| „ Johnson's      | g w m    | Ooloo         | 9 9  | Robinson     | ... | 4 |
| „ Charlesley's   | b cb m   | Lady Ald      | 11 8 | Green        | ... | 0 |
| „ Kendall's      | ch cb m  | Lady Hamilton | 11 8 | Capt. Brough | ... | 0 |
| „ Field's        | ch cb m  | Sir Robert    | 11 1 | Mr. Johnson  | ... | 0 |
| Captain Bastow's | ch cb m  | Pretty Girl   | 9 6  | Irving       | ... | 0 |

After two attempts, Mr. Stuart despatched the lot to a fair start, Fleur-de-lis at once showing in front with Corone next, and the rest in a compact body, a couple of lengths away. The race is described above. Fleur-de-lis won after a fine finish by a head from Corone. Navarino third, two lengths from second, with Ooloo, close up, fourth. Time—1 min. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Country-bred Pony Handicap. For a Cup presented by F. G. Johnson, Esq. Distance, the straight run in.

|                  |           |               |      |           |     |   |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------|-----------|-----|---|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | b ch p    | Overture      | 11 7 | Owner     | ... | 1 |
| „ R. Dane's      | w cb p    | Humpty Dumpty | 10 4 | Mr. Mait- | ... | 2 |
|                  |           |               |      | land      | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Bastow's   | w cb p    | Ugly Mug      | 9 4  | —————     | ... | 3 |
| Mr. R. Douie's   | b cb p    | Black Prince  | 10 0 | —————     | ... | 0 |
| „ H. Stuart      | ns b cb p | Kuku Singh    | 7 7  | —————     | ... | 0 |

Overture won cleverly by a neck, Ugly Mug a bad third. Time—1 min.

Arab and Country-bred Chase. C. Bs 11st, Arabs 10st. Entrance Rs. 16. Rs. 150 added. Distance 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

|                 |          |             |     |          |     |   |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|-----|----------|-----|---|
| Mr. R. Carnac's | d cb h   | Belmont     | ... | Green    | ... | 1 |
| Capt. Bastow's  | r cb h   | Rapid Rhone | ... | Irving   | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Johnson's   | ns g a h | Fire-king   | ..  | Robinson | ... | 0 |

Belmont, ridden by Green, won after a grand set-to with Irving on Rapid Rhone by a head. Fire-king having fallen at the Irish bank.

Consolation Handicap. For Beaten Horses. Distance 1 mile. Entrance Rs. 16. Rs. 200 added.

|                 |       |          |       |                |     |   |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------------|-----|---|
| Major Kinlock's | b w m | Sally    | 10 10 | Ryder          | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Beaver's    | b w m | Octoroon | 10 2  | Mr. Maitland   | ... | 2 |
| „ Johnson's     | b w h | Breeze   | 8 8   | did not start. |     |   |

Sally won easily by a length.

—*The Pioneer.*

### ALLAHABAD SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1877.

Thanks to the energy of Mr. Tippetts, a very pleasant little meet has been arranged for us this spring, and although late in the season, the racing was still attractive enough to draw together a large concourse of spectators. The stand and enclosure in particular were exceedingly well patronised, and as the sun did not make itself felt to any great extent, there was nothing to complain of on the ground of "weather." The recent rain had made the course perfect as regards going, and it was a pleasure to witness the racing, although no "cracks" were present to astonish the on-lookers by remarkable speed. The day's proceedings were moderately successful, and as the band of the 5th Fusiliers attended, the addition of music increased the success. That a large number of ladies were present, it is almost needless to say; but it must have been gratifying to the Honorary Secretary and the Stewards to see that their efforts to get up a meet under many disadvantageous circumstances were fully appreciated. There were four events for decision, and three were got through in good time. Below is a record of the racing:—

A Free Handicap. For all Horses. Handicap to be declared 19th March. A Sweepstake of Rs. 300 for all accepting, with Rs. 300 added. Distance 1 mile.

|                |             |      |        |     |     |   |
|----------------|-------------|------|--------|-----|-----|---|
| Captain Raw's  | Kirby       | 10 9 | Ryder  | ... | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Tippetts'  | Roxborough  | 8 0  | Native | ... | ... | 2 |
| Captain Knox's | Necromancer | 8 11 | Lowe   | „   | ... | 3 |
| Mr. Cook's     | Yanathon    | 9 4  | Tingey | ... | ... | 0 |

Four started for this event, Clarion and Slipstone not putting in an appearance. A capital start was effected, and for the first 50 yards the pair raced together, Kirby and Roxborough then took up the running, making the pace very fast. Necromancer was last until half the distance had been accomplished when he passed Yanathon. It was apparent as the four entered the straight that the race was in Ryder's hands, and he won easily by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths; Roxborough second, fully three lengths in advance of Necromancer, Yanathon

a bad fourth. It was a very quick race throughout, the time being 1 min. 49½ secs.

For all horses. Winner to be sold for Rs. 500.

|            |                   |     |    |   |
|------------|-------------------|-----|----|---|
| Weight, if | Walers ...        | ... | 11 | 7 |
| "          | Capes ...         | ... | 10 | 7 |
| "          | Country-breds ... | ... | 9  | 7 |
| "          | Arabs ...         | ... | 8  | 7 |

3lbs. allowed for every Rs. 50 declared under Rs. 500. Sweep of Rs. 20, with Rs. 200 added. Distance ¼ mile.

|                  |              |    |    |          |     |   |
|------------------|--------------|----|----|----------|-----|---|
| Capt. Cuthell's  | Eva          | 9  | 4  | Webb     | ..  | 1 |
| Mr. Dignum's     | Slipstone    | 10 | 6  | Cousens  | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Darley's   | Fermoy       | 11 | 4  | Owner    | ..  | 3 |
| Mr. Charley's    | Despised     | 11 | 4  | "        | ... | 0 |
| " Kay's          | Jemima       | 9  | 4  | "        | ... | 0 |
| Major Upperton's | Lord Clifden | 10 | 12 | Tippetts | ... | 0 |

Six horses out of eight entries went to the starting post, but Jemima was fractious, and Mr. Kay after being thrown twice was unable eventually to face the starter in time. The other five got away in good order, and Slipstone at once went to the front, Eva lying close up. The latter seemed to be generally fancied, although Slipstone had many admirers. It was but a short race to the straight, and when the five entered Eva drew away to the front, and Fermoy passed Slipstone; Despised and Lord Clifden falling to the rear. Eva well ridden by Webb, had the race in her hands and Fermoy and Slipstone raced well together for 2nd place. Within 30 yards of the post Slipstone passed Fermoy and secured second honors, Eva being a length in front. Fermoy was a good third. Time—1min. 18secs.

For Ponies 13-2 and under. Winner to be sold for Rs. 300. 13-2 to carry 11st.; 4lbs. allowed for every ½ inch under. A Sweep-stake of Rs. 10 with Rs. 100 added. Distance ½ mile.

|             |                 |    |    |        |     |   |
|-------------|-----------------|----|----|--------|-----|---|
| Mr. Park's  | Faugh-a-Ballagh | 11 | 0  | Tingey | ... | 1 |
| " Tippetts' | Minuet          | 11 | 0  | Owner  | ... | 2 |
| " Michôd's  | Golden Oriole   | 10 | 11 | "      | ... | 3 |
| " Webb's    | Firefly         | 9  | 12 | "      | ... | 0 |

Four started. Golden Oriole being restive was left a couple of lengths in the rear at the start, and Firefly rushed at once to the front followed by Faugh-a-Ballagh and Minuet. Golden Oriole soon recovered the distance lost, and Firefly falling back, Mr. Tippetts and Mr. Michôd raced neck and neck together into the straight. The Irishman then came forward with a rush, and passing between Oriole and Minuet, landed an easy winner. Minuet was second, only half a head in advance of Mr. Michôd's pony.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1877.

The afternoon being delightfully cool, there was an exceptionally large attendance on the course, and as regards spectators, the day's proceedings were certainly successful. The racing, however, was scarcely as interesting as could have been wished, and as the programme had been "revised," it was difficult for many to know exactly what was going to happen. It is not particularly exciting to have to copy names and colours from an unsightly black board, placed in front of the stand, and yet this was what had to be done for two races out of the four down for decision. The Steeplechases were looked for with considerable eagerness as the riders were known to be well up to their work, but for the "Galloway" only two finished, Mr. Kay getting an ugly fall; while in the third race, Mr. Webb's chance was spoiled by a dog at the first fence after the water jump, Ruckstone came down shortly afterwards; and the rider of Sweep was left to watch the spectators with a specimen of noble horsemanship, which he did to perfection.

Handicap. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                  |          |    |    |        |     |   |
|------------------|----------|----|----|--------|-----|---|
| -----            | Paleface | 8  | 10 | Tingey | ... | 1 |
| Capt. Maunsell's | Eva      | 9  | 12 | Webb   | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Bennett's    | Clarion  | 10 | 5  | Owner  | ... | 3 |

Paleface jumped away with the lead, Clarion well up, and Eva following quietly, Top 'Cork Hill ridden by a native being in the rear. In this order they raced for half a mile when the last-named fell lame and was pulled up. Webb gradually drew up to Paleface and seemed inclined to make a race of it, but Tingey had his mount well in hand and won without difficulty.

Galloway Steeplechase. Distance once round.

|            |           |    |    |        |     |   |
|------------|-----------|----|----|--------|-----|---|
| Mr. Park's | Gold Dust | 11 | 7  | Tingey | ... | 1 |
| " Webb's   | St. Loo   | 11 | 7  | Owner  | ... | 2 |
| " Kay's    | Tommy     | 10 | 13 | "      | ... | 0 |

The three negotiated the water leap safely, Tommy landig first, and the pace was cut out pretty quickly by Tingey, who soon showed in front. At the stone wall Tommy came to grief, and Mr. Kay was too much shaken by the fall to remount. Tingey rode quietly and coolly, and won as he liked. Webb also took all the fences successfully, but St. Loo had really no chance of winning.

Handicap Steeplechase. Twice round.

|               |              |    |   |           |     |   |
|---------------|--------------|----|---|-----------|-----|---|
| Mr. Augustus' | Sweep        | 12 | 0 | Mr. Bobs  | ... | 1 |
| " Tippetts'   | Roxborough   | 10 | 7 | Ruckstone | ... | 2 |
| " Boyd's      | Commissioner | 10 | 7 | Webb      | ... | 0 |

A good start was effected, and the water jump was cleared in grand style, but at the next fence a grey hound rushed in front and caused Commissioner to refuse. Mr. Webb put him at the fence four times, but it was useless and he had to retire. Sweep took the lead with Roxborough in close attendance, but Mr. Ruckstone came down at

the post and rails, and the result of the race was then put beyond all doubt. Sweep went twice round in grand style taking everything with ease, thanks to its rider, and Roxborough far away in the rear also finished the prescribed distance without further mishap.

Handicap. 1 mile.

|              |             |     |         |       |
|--------------|-------------|-----|---------|-------|
| Mr. Cook's   | Priestcraft | 7 7 | Native  | ... 1 |
| "            | Yanathon    | 9 4 | Tingey  | ... 2 |
| Capt. Knox's | Necromancer | 8 7 | Lowe    | ... 3 |
| Mr. Park's   | Wizard      | 8 7 | Cousens | ... 0 |

A fairly contested race. Priestcraft took the lead shortly after the start, and beating off Yanathon and Necromancer, won easily by a couple of lengths; second and third well up.—*The Pioneer*.

# RACES TO COME.

## BANGALORE RACES—1877.

*Entrances on 1st April.*

### H. H. MAHARAJAH'S CUP.

|               |           |                |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| Mr. Jones'    | b a c ... | Caractacus.    |
| Ditto         | g a c ... | Beaconsfield.  |
| Mr. Downall's | g a h ... | Desert Ranger. |

### MAIDEN GALLOWAY PURSE.

|                 |           |         |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| Mr. A. Rahmon's | c a g ... | Khamil. |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|

### THE OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

|                 |           |               |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Major Farwell's | b w g ... | Oliver Twist. |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|

### THE MYSORE CUP.

|            |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Mr. Jones' | b a c ... | Caractacus.   |
| Ditto      | g a c ... | Beaconsfield. |

### THE EASTERN PLATE.

|               |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Mr. Downall's | g a h ... | Florican. |
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### THE ABKAREE PURSE.

|               |           |               |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Mr. Jones'    | b a c ... | Caractacus.   |
| Ditto         | g a c ... | Beaconsfield. |
| Mr. Downall's | g a h ... | Florican.     |

### THE GALLOWAY PURSE.

|                 |           |         |
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| Mr. A. Rahmon's | c a g ... | Khamil. |
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### THE DESERT HANDICAP.

|               |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Mr. Downall's | g a h ... | Florican. |
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### THE WHEM PLATE.

|                |           |                      |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Capt. O'Dowd's | g a h ... | Paddy.               |
| Mr. Herbert's  | b a c ... | King Arthur.         |
| Ditto          | g a h ... | Child of the Desert. |

2nd April, 1877.

A. W. C. LINDSAY.

# ALTERATION IN THE PROSPECTUS OF THE POONA RACES, 1877.

The following alteration is made in the published Prospectus at the Donor's request :—

THIRD DAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER.

A Purse value Rs. 1,000, presented by a Friend of the Turf. For all Arabs that have been purchased from Mr. Ali Abdoolla's Stable, or passed through his hands since 1875. And open to all Country-bred, born in the Bombay Presidency. Arab weight for age reduced 7lbs. Maiden allowed 7lbs. and those which have never started before the day of the Race allowed 12lbs. Arabs landed after 1st September 1876 allowed 4lbs. additional. Winners once, 4lbs.; twice or oftener, 7lbs. extra.

|                  |     |          |
|------------------|-----|----------|
| Entrance 1st May | ... | 3 G. M.  |
| „ 1st July       | ... | 6 G. M.  |
| „ 1st August     | ... | 10 G. M. |

When the race will close with a Sweepstakes of 10 G. M. for each horse declared to start R. C. and a distance.

S. FELLOWS, LT.-COL.,

*For Honorary Secretary.*

POONA, }  
8th March, 1877. }

## PROSPECTUS OF THE VIZIANAGRAM RACE MEETING, 1877.

*Stewards:*

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| H. H. THE MAHARAJA, K.C.S.I. | H. ST. A. GOODRICH, Esq. |
| R. J. MELVILLE, Esq.         | MAJOR A. BALMER.         |
| N. A. ROUPELLE, Esq.         | W. A. WILLOCK, Esq.      |

*With power to add to their number.*



## FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Derby Stakes. Rs. 750 added by H. H. the Maharajah. For all maiden Arabs.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles. Weight for age. Entrance Rs. 50, 1st August, Rs. 100; 1st September, Rs. 150; 1st October with a sweepstakes of Rs. 100.

The St. Leger Stakes. Rs. 750 added by H. H. the Maharajah. For all maiden horses except Arabs. Weight for age and class. (Conditions as to distance and entrances, as for last race.)

The Astronomer's Purse. Rs. 500 added by A. V. Narsing Rau, Esq. For all English Colonial and Country-bred horses. 1 mile. E. and C. carry 10st. 7lbs.; C. B. 7st. 7lbs. Entrance, 1st September, Rs. 30; 1st November, Rs. 60; with a sweepstakes of Rs. 30.

The Bedouin Plate. Rs. 400 from the Fund. For all Arabs.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Weight for inches. 14 hands to carry 8st. 7lbs., 4lbs. added or deducted for every half inch over or under that weight. Entrance, 1st September, Rs. 25; 1st November, Rs. 50. With a sweepstakes of Rs. 25.

## SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Vizianagram Cup. Value Rs. 750, with Rs. 500 in specie, presented by H. H. the Maharajah. For all horses. 2 miles. Weight for age and class. The winner of the St. Leger Stakes on the first day loses his Maiden allowance.

The Jeypur Cup. Value Rs. 750, with Rs. 500 in specie, presented by the Maharajah of Jeypur. For all Arabs. 2 miles. Weight for age. The winner of the Derby Stakes on the first day loses his Maiden allowance.

(Entrances and sweepstakes for these two races as for the Derby and St. Leger.)

The Moti Mahal Stakes. Rs. 500 added. For all horses. Weight for inches. 15 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs.; 4lbs. added or deducted for every half inch over or under that weight. With a sweepstakes of 100 Rs. One mile.

The Corinthian Stakes. For all Arabs. Rs. 400 added from the Fund.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. G. R. Professionals 7lbs. extra. Weight 9st. 3lbs. Winner of one season to carry 7lbs., of more than one season 12lbs. extra, with a sweepstakes of Rs. 75.

(Entrance for Races Nos. 7 and 8 to be made before noon on the 9th November.)

## THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Great Northern Stakes. Handicap. For all horses. Rs. 1,000 added by certain of the District Officers.

The Rajput Stakes. Handicap. For all Arab horses. Rs. 1,000 added by the Young Maharajah. Each of the above races.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Entrance to be made on or before the 15th July. The entrance fee Rs. 25 and Rs. 25 extra for accepting. The handicap will be published without unavoidable delay and acceptances must be declared on or before 15th September. Starting stake Rs. 100.

The Suria Plate. Rs. 400 added by G. L. Narsing Rau, Esq. For all Arabs. 1 mile. Entrance fee Rs. 25 with Rs. 50 extra for all horses accepting the Handicap. Entries to be made to the Secretary before 8 A.M. on the 12th November. The handicap will be made by the Stewards and published at noon.

The Flying Stakes. Rs. 400 added from the Fund. For all English, Colonial, and Country-bred horses.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. (Entrance, &c., as in the Suria Plate.)

## FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

*Winners' and Losers' Handicaps.*

Rs. 750 added.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. For all horses. Forced for winners of Races Nos. 2, 5, and 9; at Rs. 50 for each race won. Optional to other horses which have run at the meeting at Rs. 50 entrance. With a sweepstakes of Rs. 100.

Rs. 750 added.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. For all Arabs. Forced for winners of Races Nos. 1, 6, and 10; at Rs. 50 for each race won. Optional to other Arabs which have run at the meeting at Rs. 50 entrance. With a sweepstakes of Rs. 100.

Rs. 400 added. 1 mile. For all horses except the winners of Races Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10. Forced for winners of Races Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, and 12, at Rs. 50 for each race won. Optional to other horses which have run at the meeting at Rs. 50 entrance. With a sweepstakes of Rs. 50.

Rs. 250 added.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. For all horses which have not won at the meeting. Entrance Rs. 25.

## RULES.

1. No subscriptions payable or deductions made from winning or lottery accounts, or on account of the expenses of the Course.
2. Money due for entries or stakes or on lottery account must be paid in cash, or in Bills on the Bimlipatam Branch of the Madras Bank.
3. In the event of any particular race not filling, the Stewards have power to make another on such conditions as they may approve.
4. All objections, except those relating to the riding in a race, must be made to the Secretary in writing, and a deposit of Rs. 50 made therewith : such deposit the Stewards may declare forfeited if they deem the objection frivolous.
5. Declarations for starting and entries for races for which the date is not fixed, to be made to the Secretary in writing, by noon on the day before the Race.
6. Entries for the Handicaps on the Fourth Day shall be made to the Secretary in writing before 8 A. M. on the 14th November, who will publish the handicaps at noon, and receive the acceptances at or before 6 P. M. on the same day.
7. No trainer or Jockey will be allowed to represent his employer at the lotteries, or to take tickets or to bid.
8. Maidens, when running with platers will be allowed 4lbs.
9. Calcutta Turf Club Rules with the above additions will be in force.
10. Horses will be aged and measured on Tuesday, November 6th, by the Stewards at such time and place as they may notify.
11. The decision of the Stewards is final.
12. To enable an owner to claim  $\frac{1}{4}$  of his horse after it has been sold, he must take tickets in the lottery.
13. Hurdle Races, and a steeplechase may hereafter be added, if owners send horses.

VIZIANAGRAM, }  
1st March, 1877. }

W. A. WILLOCK,  
*Honorary Secretary.*

## PROSPECTUS OF THE MADRAS RACES, 1878.

*Stewards :*

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., C. S. | LIEUT. H. F. JACKSON, 67TH     |
| LIEUT.-COL. J. H. M. SHAW    | REGT.                          |
| STEWART, R. E.               | CAPTAIN SYDNEY BELL, A. D. C.  |
| R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., C. S.  | CAPTAIN E. D. SHAFTO, R. A.    |
| COLONEL A. R. GLOAG, R. A.   | LIEUT. ARTHUR AYLMER, A. D. C. |

*Secretary* ... .. W. T. HAMILTON HOLMES, Esq.

## FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1878.

Guindy Stakes. Rs. 1,000. For English and Colonial Maidens. Weight for age and class. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 9st. 7lbs.; other weights to be reduced in proportion.

Winners once of Rs. 1,000 P. M. to carry 5lbs. extra; twice, 10lbs., oftener 1 stone. Winners of other races once, 3lbs.; twice, 5lbs.; thrice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; on 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; on 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and on 4th January 1878, Rs. 300. Horses to be declared to start on January 16th. If only two horses from *bond fide* separate stables start Rs. 400 P. M. will be given. 1½ miles.

Madras Derby. Rs. 1,000. For Arab and Country-bred Maidens. Weight for age and class if one of each class starts. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 9st. 7lbs.; other weights to be reduced in proportion. Winners once of Rs. 1,000 P. M. to carry 5lbs. extra; twice, 10lbs.; oftener, 1 stone; of other races once, 3lbs.; twice, 5lbs.; thrice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and 4th January 1878, Rs. 300. Horses to be declared to start on January 16th. If only two horses from *bond fide* separate stables start Rs. 400 will be given. 1½ miles.

Trial Stakes. Rs. 750. For English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 10st.; other weights to be reduced in proportion. Winners of the season once of Rs. 1,000 P. M. to carry 5lbs. extra; twice, 10lbs.; oftener, 1 stone; of other races once, 3lbs.; twice, 5lbs.; thrice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs.;

Winner of one previous season, 5lbs.; two seasons, 9lbs.; three seasons, 12lbs. extra. Maiden of Meeting allowed 12lbs., of season 7lbs. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and on 4th January 1878, Rs. 300.

Horses to be declared to start on January 16th. 1 mile.

Bedouin Plate. Rs. 750. For Arabs and Country-breds. Weight for age and class if one of each class starts. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 10st.; other weights to be reduced in proportion. Winner of the season once of Rs. 1,000 P. M. to carry 5lbs. extra, twice, 10lbs.; oftener, 1st.; of other races once, 3lbs.; twice 5lbs.; thrice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners of one previous season, 5lbs.; two seasons, 9lbs.; three seasons, 12lbs. extra. Maiden of meeting allowed 12lbs., of season 7lbs. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and 4th January 1878, Rs. 300. Horses to be declared to start on January 16th. 1 mile.

The Welter. Rs. 200. For all horses that have not won during the season. Weight for age and class raised 2st. Maidens allowed 1st. Entrance Rs. 20. P. P. To close and name on 16th January. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

Mount Steeplechase :—

Rs. 1,000 for 7

„ 800 „ 6

„ 600 „ 5

„ 500 „ 4

„ 400 „ 3

„ 300 „ 2

*Bond fide* starters from different stables.

For all horses. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. Winners of one Steeplechase to carry 7lbs.; two, 11lbs.; three or more 1st. extra. No Maiden allowance. Entrance Rs. 50. To close and name on January 16th. S. C. C. About  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

## SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1878.

The Governor's Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. A piece of Plate presented by His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos. For English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. Weights to be cumulative, but top weight, including penalties, not to exceed 10st., other weights to be reduced in proportion. Winners of the season once of Rs. 1,000 P. M. to carry 5lbs. extra; twice, 10lbs.; oftener, 1st.; of other races once, 3lbs.; twice,

5lbs. oftener 7lbs. Winners of previous seasons 5lbs. extra. Maidens of meeting allowed 12lbs.; of season 7lbs. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and on 4th January 1878, Rs. 300. Horses to be declared to start on January 18th. Three horses from *bonâ fide* separate stables to start or cup withheld. Rs. 400 added from the Fund if only 2 horses start. 2 miles.

Desert Handicap. Rs. 1,000. For Arabs and Country-breds that have started on the 1st day. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 100; 1st December 1877, Rs. 200; and on 4th January 1878, Rs. 300. Handicap to be made after 1st day's Races. Top weight not to exceed 10 stone. Horses to be declared to start on January 18th.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles and distance. If only 2 horses from *bonâ fide* separate stables start Rs. 400 will be given.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The Vizianagram Cup. Value Rs. 500, presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Vizianagram, K. C. S. I. For English and Colonial Maidens beaten 1st day Handicap will be made after 1st day's Races. Horses to be declared to start on January 18th. Top weight not to exceed 10 stone. Entrance on 1st July 1877, Rs. 50; 1st October 1877, Rs. 80; 1st December 1877, Rs. 130; and on 4th January 1878, Rs. 200.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Selling Stakes. Rs. 200. For all horses. The winner to be sold by auction after the race, surplus above the selling price to go to the Fund. Price Rs. 300 10st.; 4lbs. added to every 100 Rs. value up to Rs. 800. Entrance Rs. 20. To close and name on January 18th. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

Madras Steeplechase. Rs. 300, presented by the Hon'ble Gujiputti Rao, and Rs. 200 from the Fund.

|                   |                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Rs. 500 for 5 ... | } <i>Bonâ fide</i> starters from different<br>stables. |
| „ 400 „ 4 ...     |                                                        |
| „ 300 „ 3 ...     |                                                        |
| „ 200 „ 2 ...     |                                                        |

A Handicap for all horses that have started in Mount Steeplechase. Entrance Rs. 40 H. F. To close and name on January 17th and declare to start on January 18th. About  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

### THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1878.

The Madras Handicap. Rs. 1,000. For English, Colonial and Country-bred horses that have started during the meeting. Entrance on 1st July 1877 Rs. 50; 1st October 1877 Rs. 100; 1st

December 1877 Rs. 200; and 4th January 1878 Rs. 300. Handicap will be made after second day's races. Top weight not to exceed 10st. 7lbs., horses to be declared to start on 22nd January. If only two horses start Rs. 400 will be given.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Arab Plate. Rs. 500. A handicap for Arabs and Country-breds that have started during the meeting. Entrance on 1st July 1877 Rs. 50; 1st October 1877 Rs. 80; 1st December 1877 Rs. 130; and 4th January 1878 Rs. 200. Handicap will be made after second day's races. Top weight not to exceed 10st. 7lbs. Horses to be declared to start on 22nd January. 2 miles.

Corinthian Stakes. Rs. 200. A handicap for all horses that have started during the meeting. Rs. 20 H. F., to close and name on 19th January, and declare to start on 22nd January. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

Amazon Plate. Rs. 20, for all *bond fide* Ladies' Arab and Country-bred horses that have not been in training or run in any race except a race for Ladies' horses since 1st March 1876. The property of, and regularly ridden for the last two months by the Ladies entering them. Weight for age and class raised 14lbs., winners of Ladies' Races once 7lbs., oftener 1st. extra. To close and name on 22nd January. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Lottery not allowed on this race.

Handicap Steeplechase. Rs. 400. For all horses that have started during the meeting. Entrance Rs. 40 H. F., to close and name on 19th January and declare to start on 22nd January. About  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

#### FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1878.

Trades Plate. Value Rs. presented by the Tradesmen of Madras. A Forced Handicap for winners of all 1st class races at Rs. 75 for each race won. Rs. 25 for losers. To close and name on January 23rd. Top weights not to exceed 10st. 7lbs. Horses to be declared to start on January 25th.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Grand Stand Handicap. Rs. 500. Forced for winners of all 1st class races at Rs. 75 for each race won. Rs. 25 for losers. To close and name on January 23rd. Horses to be declared to start on January 25th.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. "All Horses entered for the Trades Plate or Grand Stand Handicaps will be handicapped into one of these two races." Beaten Handicap. Rs. 500. For all beaten horses. Entrance Rs. 20. To close and name on January 23rd. Rs. 30 for each horse declared to start on 25th January. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**Amateur Handicap.** Rs. 200. Forced for winners of Welter, Selling Stakes and Corinthian Stakes at Rs. 20 for each race. Free to losers. To close and name on January 23rd. Rs. 20 for each horse declared to start on January 25th. G. R.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

**Diana Plate.** Rs. 200, for all *bond fide* Ladies' horses Arab and Country-bred excepted, that have not been in training or run in any race except a race for Ladies' horses since March 1st, 1876. The property of, and regularly ridden for the last two months by the Ladies entering them. Weight for age and class raised 12lbs. Winners of Ladies' Races once 7lbs., oftener 1st extra. To close and name on January 25th. G. R.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile Lottery not allowed on this race.

**Great Eastern Steeple Chase.** Rs. 400. Forced for winners of all Steeple Chases at Rs. 20 for each Steeple Chase. Free to losers. To close and name on January 23rd. Rs. 20 for each horse declared to start on January 25th. About 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

Calcutta Rules in force, subject to certain necessary local alterations, and also to the subjoined Local Rules.

### LOCAL RULES.\*

1.—All horses running must be the *bond fide* and exclusive property of members of the Madras Turf Club, and if their owners are absent, must be managed by a member of the Turf Club. Rules of the Turf Club will be sent by the Secretary on application.

2.—All entrances and declarations to start on and after January 19th, 1878, *must reach the Secretary at the Club before 12 noon* on the day named, except Arab Plate, Corinthian Stakes, and Steeple Chase of 3rd day, which close at 12 P. M. on January 19th.

3.—Horses running at Calcutta Races and leaving after the meeting is over, allowed 2lbs. in Guindy, Derby, Trial, Bedouin, Mount Steeple Chase and Governor's Cup.

4.—Owners or enterers of horses in first-class Races to pay Rupees 25 to enable them to start one horse; Rs. 50 for two, and Rs. 75 for three or more. In second-class Races and Steeple Chases a subscription of Rs. 20 shall qualify to start one or more horses.

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\* The attention of owners is especially called to Local Rules 1—2—5—10—12—13—16 and 18—which will be most strictly enforced.



5.—Entrance money must be paid when a horse is entered.

6.—The following races, viz., Welter, Selling Stakes, Corinthian Stakes, Amateur Handicap, and Steeple Chases are second-class Races, and come under the denomination of "Hack and \*Sky Races" in No. 83 of the Calcutta Rules of Racing. All other Races are first-class races. No horse that has started for a first class race can start for a second-class race, and *vice versa*.

7.—In all first-class Races or Steeple Chases when seven or more horses start, the second horse will receive half the entrances, and the third will save his stake.

8.—Any horse running for any second-class Race (except a Steeple Chase) may be claimed for Rs. 800 after the Meeting. Any person wishing to claim a horse, must give notice in writing to the Secretary, and also to the owner before 6 P. M. on the day after the Races, and lodge the purchase money with the Secretary. Should there be more than one claimant, the horse shall be put up to auction at such time and place as the Stewards may appoint; any surplus above Rs. 800, to be paid to the Secretary before 12 noon the day after the auction, and to go to the Fund.

9.—No public money will be given for a walk over in any race and only half (except where otherwise specified) for two starters from *bonâ fide* separate stables.

10.—Private arrangements between owners of allowing horses to start without payment of or return of entrance money—withdrawing horses after declaration to start, unless lameness or illness is certified by the V. S. appointed by the Stewards—declaring horses to start belonging to different owners but in the same stable, without a declaration which horse is to win—starting horses and not running to win from any reason whatsoever, are strictly prohibited under penalty of disqualification; *the last offence will in every case disqualify the jockey.*

11.—All horses landed in India within 12 months of the first day of the meeting allowed 3lbs., within 8 months allowed 5lbs., except in Selling Races and Handicaps.

12.—No trainer or jockey shall be allowed to enter or run horses, or take tickets in the Lotteries, or be admitted to the Lottery Room under any circumstances; not even as representing his employer.

13.—Horses shall be at the starting post for each race precisely at the hour named; horses not then ready will be liable to be left out of the race.

14.—Horses intended to run in each race must be saddled in the stalls attached to the stand, or in the enclosure, and must go past the stand before proceeding to the starting post, under penalty of a fine Rs. 10 for each offence.

15. Calcutta Rule 91 regarding declaration of colors, will be *strictly enforced*.

16.—Any objection to a horse's weight being incorrectly entered in the race card, must be made before the race, or before the lottery if the owner or his representative is present.

17. - In all Races in which the highest weight declared to start is above nine stone seven pounds, it shall be optional with the Stewards to reduce it thereto, provided the lowest starting weight is not thereby reduced below eight stone.

18.—Rupees 50 to be lodged in the Secretary's hands before any objection about Races, Lotteries or Bets can be entertained; the objection must be sent in writing to the Secretary, and the Rs. 50 will be forfeited should the Stewards declare the objection frivolous.

19. A rateable deduction shall be made from each public purse in the event of the subscriptions to the General Fund falling short of the public money advertised.

20. The decision of the Stewards is final on all points whatsoever, any Rule or practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

Settling day shall be on the first Saturday after the Races. Absence from settling shall render the absentee liable to be declared a defaulter, unless all sums due by him are paid on his account.

 All communications regarding the Races to be addressed to

The SECRETARY MADRAS RACES,

*Madras Club.*

Stable Lotteries will be held on 5th and 12th January 1878.

*Scale of Weights for January.*

|                 | $\frac{1}{2}$ A MILE. |         |         |         | $\frac{3}{4}$ OF A MILE. |         |         |         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                 | 3                     | 4       | 5       | 6 and   | 3                        | 4       | 5       | 6 and   |
|                 | years.                | years.  | years.  | aged.   | years.                   | years.  | years.  | aged.   |
|                 | st. lb.               | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb.                  | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. |
| English ...     | 8 5                   | 9 10    | 10 0    | 10 0    | 7 12                     | 9 7     | 10 0    | 10 0    |
| Australians ... | 8 11                  | 9 5     | 9 7     | 9 7     | 8 1                      | 9 1     | 9 6     | 9 7     |
| Capes ...       | 7 11                  | 8 5     | 8 7     | 8 7     | 7 1                      | 8 1     | 8 6     | 8 7     |
| Country-breds   | 6 0                   | 7 2     | 7 7     | 7 7     | 5 4                      | 6 12    | 7 5     | 7 7     |
| Arabs ...       | 5 0                   | 6 2     | 6 7     | 6 7     | 4 4                      | 5 12    | 6 5     | 6 7     |
|                 | 1 MILE.               |         |         |         | $1\frac{1}{4}$ MILE.     |         |         |         |
|                 | st. lb.               | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb.                  | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. |
|                 | st. lb.               | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb.                  | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. |
|                 | st. lb.               | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb.                  | st. lb. | st. lb. | st. lb. |
| English ...     | 7 6                   | 9 4     | 10 0    | 10 0    | 7 4                      | 9 3     | 9 13    | 10 0    |
| Australians ... | 7 11                  | 8 13    | 9 5     | 9 7     | 7 9                      | 8 12    | 9 4     | 9 7     |
| Capes ...       | 6 11                  | 7 13    | 8 5     | 8 7     | 6 9                      | 7 12    | 8 4     | 8 7     |
| Country-breds   | 4 11                  | 6 6     | 7 4     | 7 7     | 4 7                      | 6 4     | 7 3     | 7 7     |
| Arabs ...       | 3 11                  | 5 6     | 6 4     | 6 7     | 3 7                      | 5 4     | 6 3     | 6 7     |
|                 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILE.  |         |         |         | $1\frac{3}{4}$ MILE.     |         |         |         |
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| 1877.                         |             |                                      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
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pass that road, one day twice seen the tiger, and so I therefore returned to mention the matter to me. The party, accompanied by a tusker elephant, went to the place indicated, and they found marks shewing that the tiger had been there on the day of the great storm, the 3rd. Enquiring further at the several villages in the neighbourhood, they ascertained that some washermen employed at their calling were disturbed by the tiger's approach, but they all took to the water and swam to the opposite side. The tiger contented itself by walking off with a sheep that was grazing near the spot. My *shikaris* picketed near the hill to which the tiger was tracked, and on the morning of the 8th my head-man returned to camp. He had learnt that the tiger's regular known lair was near a village about 10 miles from where I was pitched, and from the place where it had killed the sheep, and that probably the animal would proceed there in a day or two. The tiger was a notorious roamer. Kills of human beings took place for nearly 15 miles round

the large town of Kulwacoorthy. I now made up my mind Starting my heavy baggage at about 1 o'clock P.M. on the 8th, in order that my people might pass through the jungle before dark, I remained the night where I was encamped keeping my beaters with me, issuing at the same time strict orders that none of my servants remaining behind to give me dinner were to go on before at night; but that I proposed to be the first to move in the morning. This I did, instructing all spare elephants and beaters to keep half a mile behind. The special object I had in view was to look for tracks. About 3 miles from the known lair of the tiger and coming from the direction of the hills where he had threatened the washermen and killed a sheep, a pug appeared on the road, and behold! there was the one-sided one by which this monster was known. (I can hardly write for the wail of women and children is singing in my ears, as the monster killed this morning one man and knocked over another.) I followed this for some distance when a horseman appeared announcing that a buffalo had been killed on the road I was proceeding by. Halting until my beaters and spare elephants arrived, I started alone to reconnoitre, and a native friend accompanied me on a second elephant. On approaching the *gharah*, there, sitting on its haunches like a dog and staring me in the face, was a huge panther near a cave, and about 100 yards distant. What was I to think? There were the marks of a tiger directly up the road on which the buffalo was tied. The African boy whispered "Master must shoot that panther. He very big beast." "No." I said to Cummees "Master has come to shoot man-eater and will wait." The marks on the buffalo's throat were small. I then passed to the other side of the hill about a mile from which my camp was pitched, and sent for the villagers and my *shikaris* who were there. I was also now joined by the men who had picketed near the hill where the sheep had been killed, and they had tracked the tiger from that to the place on the road where I had found the marks. They reported that the tiger had gone near their buffis without killing. On their appearance I returned to the *gharah*, as the *shikari*, whose business it is to see the buffis on that beat watered, vowed that a tiger was standing near the *gharah* when he went his rounds in the early morning. He had therefore sent the sowar to warn me. The panther had retired to his den, I now took up a position, sending for the men whom I left in the

morning at some distance, and these, with those who had come from the village where my camp now was, went round the hill to beat towards me. My native friend who was on my left flank first saw the tiger. (I was under the impression that the panther had killed the buffalo and that the mau-eater had arrived in time to share in the feast; but the panther, finding that a more powerful beast than himself was likely to be his companion, had made himself scarce.) A tigress she proved to be, and a very large powerful old animal. My friend whistled as a caution to me, and pointed with his hand indicating that an animal was coming in my direction. I still thought it might be the panther; but after a little more tom-tomming and shouting of the beaters the tigress showed herself in front of Shamroop, when I planted a shot in her chest which went clean through her, and I fired a second shot as she dashed back towards the caves roaring. I knew that if she broke again, her charge would be in the opposite direction, so I shifted my post placing two spare elephants on my extreme right. She cared little for elephants, or any thing else. No end of fireworks were expended when my *shikari* Chenna Rama passing among the rocks went over her. He noticed that she was panting hard and badly wounded. She sprang towards him; but he was fortunately only slightly clawed. Down they came together, and his gun was smashed to pieces as he whacked it down on the tigress' head. I had fortunately moved a little to my right as I saw a man standing in the road, and was anxious that he should mount a tree or otherwise get out of the way. I had given strict orders that no one was to be on foot except on the rocks over the caves. A rather elderly man was on the hill, but why he took it into his head to come down I shall perhaps never learn. A mahout on a spare elephant close by remonstrated with him, and the man was walking off when the roar from the cave was heard, and both the spare elephants turned tail without bolting however. The man tried to get back, but it was too late. I did not witness the poor fellow being worried, but I caught sight of the tigress, as she bounded out of the rocks; and as she did not pass beyond into the open, I concluded that she had dropped. I had not the slightest idea that a man was knocked over, and until I killed the tigress I was ignorant of what was going on. It was fortunate that I had moved a little into the open myself, for after seizing the poor fellow by the groin and lower part

of the stomach as witnessed by the two mahouts and numerous beaters, and shaking him 3 times, she broke away at a gallop. Then J. Lang spoke with a Forsyth shell the only shot I fired now, and she dropped in her track. How thankful I felt, for her line of retreat would have brought her right upon my servants, coolies, bearers, &c., who were all waiting on the road until the beat was over. Peace now for the district, I hope. There can be no doubt that this is the man-eater. We tracked her from where she had killed two men not a week since, from where she had fallen on a party of washermen, and from where she had attacked two men, one having died before she could reach the tents. The lame foot had been injured by a ball which my people have cut out and brought to me. Her length was 8-9½, weight 281 lbs. I guessed 285. In the length I was very near, having said 8-9. Head 1-3. Occiput to insertion of tail 4-4½. Tail 3-2. Height 3-5. Her teeth were quite worn down, mere stumps. I have just placed a handful of rupees into the hands of the unfortunate widow who was wailing at a little distance from my tent, and I hear no more weeping. The man brought his death upon himself: he was all right on the hill. This is the first time there has been a death by a tiger in my hunting. The length of the skin now is 10 feet and half an inch. A woman has just been to the tents describing how she escaped from this tigress. Walking along the road and at the spot where I killed to-day, she was suddenly pounced upon. Behind her was a man leading a pony. She was walking with a large basket on her hip. This was struck down and the tigress in her rush got her head crammed into it. The woman disappeared while the beast was disengaging herself, and the next instant the tigress seized the pony, when both man and woman skedaddled. The next morning a number of Dheirs proceeded to the spot, and recovered so much of the skin as remained, and the flesh. The skin, if only slightly injured, is still worth 2 or 3 rupees to the Dheirs, and it is their privilege to take the skins of all animals killed or who die of disease. The meat also they lift. There is not a morsel of this tigress' flesh left, the villagers have carried off all. The next morning I examined the beast's lair. I did not care to disturb the ground further on the day I killed the tigress, as I hoped the panther might be seen again this morning; but he failed to put in an appearance. On entering the cave out of which the tigress first

broke yesterday, we found several bones of human beings. I would sooner have killed this animal than a dozen others. I was near places where my men have very recently marked down tigers, in fact, when I found the hills all burnt I sent them off to reconnoitre. These tigers I have given up for this one. I shall now try the ground where I killed the large male and female tigers on last Queen's birth-day and 29th of May, the account of which appeared in your publication for March. Before starting this evening, I am going to give a feast to about 150 beaters and villagers to celebrate the event. The villagers have been sleeping for months past at night with closed doors. After dark they were afraid to move from one house to another. The roads are open again, and jungle where they were afraid to take their cattle and sheep is now available.

There remains only one thing more for me to do, and that is to reward my *shikaris* and *mahouts*. Of course Shamroop's *mahout* incurs greater risk than any of the others. He will receive 2 silver bangles worth 10 Rupees each. Chenna Rama too will get two, while six other *shikaris* and five *mahouts* will receive a bangle each. Other men whom I have specially marked as having been useful will receive 5 Rupees bangles to the extent of 4 or 5.

With what pleasure, as I am writing this, I behold the skin of the man-eater stretched before me, with the milk, alum and salt well rubbed in. It appears now that the man killed went down the hill to fetch his slippers which he had left below. The people told him to wait, but he would not listen. The villagers look upon my *shikari* Chenna Rama as a prophet, as he told them in the morning that a man would be killed that day. Poor fellow! he is himself very stiff and in great pain from the fall he sustained. I am keeping him up with stimulants of sorts. The talookdar of this district who is in camp about 30 miles from here wrote me the following letter in English.

"CAMP TADOOR,  
11th April 1876.

"MY DEAR SIR,

"How happy I am and every one of my two talooks  
"since we heard of the demise of our terrible foe, the man-  
"eater. It is my duty to pay you many thanks from my



"Government on whose part you did great good only with  
 "the human sympathy. Otherwise I am sure the Govern-  
 "ment had to suffer a great loss of revenue in consequence  
 "of the villages being deserted by the continual depredations  
 "of the horrible beast which destroyed more than 50  
 "human lives (as stated).

I beg to remain, &c., &c.,

(Sd.) MAHOMED ADAM KHAN,

*2nd Talookdar, Nagur, Kurnool."*

### DEATH OF THE MAN-EATER.

Whence come these cries of woe and pain ?  
 Is it that dreaded foe again,  
 Who robs these homes both far and near  
 And spreads around dismay and fear ?  
 If hunter's gun and willing hand,  
 Can clear this wild, infested land,  
 Then surely shall this hand and gun  
 Slay the fence brute ere sets the sun  
 And free the tiger-haunted plain,  
 And make the people glad again ?

Beneath the spreading branches of a noble forest-tree,  
 My camp I pitched, awaiting the wild foe I longed to see ;  
 And one eventful morn came news—"Some tracks had just been found."  
 The monster had devoured one man who ventured near his ground ;  
 Another had escaped, by luck to tell the direful tale,  
 And echoing thro' the woods was heard the sound of moan and wail.  
 The DECCAN RANGER started on his wily foe intent,  
 (He never lays aside his gun when once he's on the scent.)  
 We reached at last the tiger's lair, and waited there tongue-tied,  
 When glaring from a cavern near, a panther we espied ;  
 But *silence* was our watchword, so we let the panther go,  
 And soon the man-eater appeared a large and fearsome foe.  
 One shot the DECCAN RANGER fired, and then the monster fled,  
 She was but badly wounded, one more shot would make her dead.  
 So Shamroop turned another way to face her when she came,  
 (And in such sport the elephants must deal with deadly game.)  
 The final shot was fired, and with unerring aim it sped,  
 The splendid monster of the plain lay stretched beside me dead.

## RECORDS OF SPORT.—A TRIP UP THE G O D A V E R Y.

By F. T. P.

A LITTLE more than 26 years ago, when I was a youngster, with my Regiment at Samulcottah, and whilst the Anicut was still unfinished, Joe Cotton of the Civil Service, Dansey of our 30th, and I, took a trip to the gorge, some 50 miles above Rajahmundry and ascended a hill at its commencement, which we christened Bison Hill from the number of gaur infesting it. Colonel Arthur Cotton has ascended it, but he was no sportsman, and we three, I believe, were the first who went up the Hill on slaughter intent. We were there but one day, going up in the morning and descending in the evening. Cotton and I went together and had no luck, whilst Dansey fired some 20 shots killing a cow, and wounding a bull and several other cows. The surface of the Hill, which is a flat table land 2,300ft. above Rajahmundry, was in those days more like a farm-yard than a jungle as the surface of the ground was covered with immense past—the droppings of the wild cattle. Others soon followed in our footsteps and Scott of my corps and Peyton of the 9th killed a lot of fine bison there shortly afterwards, and it has been well known, and now and then shot over, by different parties starting from Rajahmundry or Coconada since; but for some years past it has not been much disturbed.

A party of engineers went up it, whilst the ceremony of the Empress' Proclamation was being enacted at Rajahmundry, but the party met with no luck; and later still Colonel Beddome and Mr. Boileau of the Forest Department killed three bison there in three days.

Wishing to renew my acquaintance with these diggings. I hired a steamer, hoping to reach the gorge the same evening; but the Serang in charge did not know the Channel and it was not till the evening of the second day, we found ourselves at Papicondah, a small village at the foot of the hill. Here we were greeted with the news of a tiger, who had attacked the finest bullock belonging to the village and so injured it, that it died two days afterwards. Directly I saw

the poor brute. I knew its wind-pipe was injured and that it could not possibly live, and tried to persuade the villagers to tie it near where it had been attacked, in the hope that the heavy and painful breathing of its victim might attract the tiger; and although I offered to pay for it, the people, being Hindoos, refused to allow the animal to be picketed. The headman of these parts, Linga Reddy, is a young man who succeeded his uncle, who was I believe hanged during the mutinies, for levying black mail and for general outrageous conduct. He is very obliging. The formation of this hill is very peculiar. It is composed almost entirely of laterite. It is 21 miles long by about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile broad, the top is generally flat, but with undulations, and in parts it is extremely pretty, resembling a well laid-out park. No landscape gardener could have grouped the trees more prettily than Nature has done on portions of this hill. The surface is covered here and there with coarse long grass 8 to 10 feet high and very troublesome to get through; it is then succeeded by fine feathery grass from 5 to 3 feet high, and again in other parts the grass is not more than 2 to 3 feet high. There are trees dotted about, but they afford very little shelter and are nearly leafless at this season. One curious tree had large bunches of huge yellow flowers, and not a leaf to hide them. I have often seen trees covered with all shades of red and scarlet in the jungles, but I never saw one with yellow flowers before. The ground is covered with loose stones of all sizes, and as these have been burrowed under by the porcupines, if you happen to tread upon one, it turns over and either pips you or gives you a nasty whack across the skins. From their marks there must be thousands of porcupines, but I saw very few quills about. Had our "Bard" had to traverse this hill, through the long grass, where the loose stones and the porcupine's burrows are not visible till you fall over the one or into the other, he would have called these animals by some stronger term than "fretful." I know I cursed them heartily many times a day, for I was always coming to grief through their means. To stalk silently at any time is impossible on this hill, every step, however carefully it is taken, resounds as if you were treading over hollow ground and can be heard many hundred yards off. For the greater part the top of the hill is a sheer precipice on either side. So, if an animal is on the top and disturbed, he must go miles before he can find a path by which he can descend,

and I believe by guarding these few paths a beat would be very successful. But the inhabitants don't eat bison, so take no interest in the sport, and *shikaris* there are none. Besides this one hill, there are many others, very similar to it, running parallel, and as far as the eye can reach there is only a chaos of hills and jungle, and it must be a rare game country, much of it has never been explored and of course has not been shot over. The whole of the bamboos on the top of this hill, have flowered and died. It is a curious fact, but the natives all assert that, whenever the bamboo flowers in any quantity, it is a sure sign of some impending calamity. This was the case just before the mutiny, and again before the famine in Orissa in 1864 I believe, and again this year, when the greater part of Madras and Bombay are suffering from want. In 1858 and 1859 I believe it was proposed to make a sanatorium on this hill, and for this purpose a company of Madras Sappers was employed in making a bridle path up it, but it is now nearly obliterated and impassable owing to fallen trees and dense undergrowth. The only means of getting to the top is by the old path-way, which is most difficult to climb. The place was never suited for a sanatorium, it is too low and in the middle of the day very hot. The thermometer at 6 A.M. stood 65, at 1 o'clock 91 and at 6 P.M. 75. We started with our coolies at quarter past eight and reached the top at 12, but we did not hurry ourselves, breakfasting *en route*. Our camp was pitched, where the engineers had pitched theirs in December; they had partially burnt the grass and wherever the new or young grass had sprung up, there were numerous marks of bison and sambur. The place was very dusty and covered an inch or two deep with ashes, the water is about half a mile off. With the exception of the bits burnt by the engineers, the rest of the hill was covered with grass and fallen leaves, the latter several inches deep. I thought the cocos were bad enough for ticks, but I am not sure that this hill does not beat them hollow. I was covered with these vermin every day and scratched and scratched till I had scarcely an inch square of flesh left on my legs and the rest of my body did not escape. Every fallen tree and leaf seemed to be covered with these pests and they seemed also to fall off the long grass and trees down one's neck and over one's face and head! I had a light bamboo ladder made about 10 feet long, and I found it very useful, for by resting it against trees and climbing

up it, I was able to see down into the long grass and got several shots which I should not have got without it. I went out the first afternoon towards the north-east, towards the gorge through which the Godavery flows, but saw nothing beyond numerous marks; the hill extends about six miles in this direction, the end near the gorge being exceedingly beautiful and park-like.

8th.—I left very early this morning towards the south-west, and had not gone quarter of a mile when I saw a herd of bison feeding about half a mile off in short grass. Leaving my men behind, with the exception of one gun-carrier, I approached them as quietly as I could, but there were too many eyes about for a successful stalk; so when I was about 150 yards off, a young bull gave the warning snort, and off the herd started at a hand gallop, their hoofs revibrating over the laterite with a most peculiar hollow sound. I followed and again and again started the herd, but could not get a shot. Every time I got to the edge of very long grass I mounted my ladder and took a good squint, but for a long while saw nothing.

At last getting to the edge of the long grass, I saw the herd feeding in shortish grass about 70 yards off. Changing my Express for the 12 bore, I was just in time to get two quick shots at the largest bison as they bolted, both shots told, but in half a second the herd had disappeared in the long grass. I followed carefully every now and then going at the ladder and soon discovered seven bison about 120 yards off, but the big one fired at was not with them. Whilst hesitating what to do and whether to fire from, when I was at the biggest cow in the herd, we heard a thud to our left about 50 yards off and looking in that direction, saw a bison in its death struggle. I went after the herd, but never saw them again. I returned to the fallen bison and found he was a very fine bull with fine horns, which measured as follows, but they were destitute of the rings which are alone the signs of old age. Between the tips 25 inches; across the broadest part 35 inches. Sending men back to bring coolies to take back the spoils, I went on and had a weary time of it. I had no one who knew the ground, and for the greater part of the day I was forcing my way through grass 8 to 10 feet high. I disturbed several animals, what they were I don't know, but they must have been either bison or sambur from the noise they made. At the very extremity of the table land I heard the

hollow sound of something on the move. Promptly climbing a tree, I peered everywhere but for a long while in vain; at last to my left, partially hidden by some creepers, under a tree, I saw a fine solitary old bull, but he seemed to get our wind and to go off with a clatter, and I never saw him again. Wherever the grass had been burnt and the young grass had sprouted, there were dozens of marks of bison and deer, but the animals had either retired into the long grass or had descended into the valleys, which being better wooded afforded good shelter to them from the intense mid-day heat. I saw two four-horned antelopes, but got no shot and nearer home saw a fine wild boar. I got home at dusk more dead than alive. I found Linga Reddy had sent me two men as *shikaris*, they knew the ground and had been over one or two adjacent hills with Mr. Horsfall, lately Judge here. I told them to take me next day to a hill parallel to the one I was on, which they agreed to do after some demur.

9th.—Started very early and picked up one horn of a sambur. Its dimensions are as follows:—Length 33 inches direct, round the burr 10 inches. Its owner must have been a beauty. We went towards the river and soon saw a doe sambur followed by a three-parts-grown young one. I got quite close to her but disgusted the *shikaris* by refusing to fire at her. I told them to shew me some stags. We went to the end of the hill and descended some 500 feet and went along a ridge to the next hill, forcing our way through grass fully 10 feet high. The hill we reached after a good stiff climb; a part of it was covered with grass too long to go through, but the furthest was covered with fine grass about 3 feet high; in this we saw three large doe and one young sambur looking in our direction. As I had no intention of firing at them, I did not attempt to conceal myself but walked straight up to them, and not one moved till I was within 60 yards of them; then they ran off down the hill-side. Further on we saw two more does and another *butcha*, but not a stag. It being too late to hope to find bison on the top of the hill, I set the grass every where in a blaze, and soon had a fire roaring over the hill top. We descended by another shoulder and got into a thickly wooded valley, and in this we put up a herd of 12 or 15 bison. I got a fair shot at a young bull, standing between two trees; the ball told, but the animal went off with the herd but in a few minutes we heard it

fall and struggle on the ground, but the thicket was so thick, we had to make a *detour* and though we found heaps of blood, we never found the animal. Going home, we started several animals but saw none and burnt the grass as we went along and reached camp about 3; saw a jungle sheep (four-horned antelope) near camp, also heard for the first and only time the muntjac or barking deer. I also put up several jungle fowl, and whenever I come across these birds I invariably have bad luck.

10th, Sunday.—Generally a lucky day with me out shooting. Went to the south-west, and after going about five miles, the *shikari* pointed out the horns of the bison. When he said Goroopootooloo-Telegoo for bison, I looked everywhere for a black mass, and of course could not see it anywhere; I then took the binocular and never thought of looking for the tips of the horns and of course saw nothing, which seemed to amaze the men who were with me. At last I twigged the tips of the horns, just shewing above the long grass and about 150 yards off. I easily got to within 60 yards, but still could only see just the tips and now and then the back of the head. Here I waited fully 10 minutes not liking to advance, and in the hope the brute would move forward a bit and expose his side, for there was short grass everywhere but where he was. I was under the impression he was standing up chewing the cud, whereas he was lying down; I not knowing this, got tired and fired at the only part I could see; the ball told, and up jumped the bison, a real beauty, and got my second ball through the thigh, acknowledging its receipt by sundry kicks. The first shot must have hit the back of the frontal ridge, which is a solid bone, and did no damage; the bison ran some 200 yards, then pulled up for a while and finally went off very lame, and though I searched every where, I could not find him. Had I known that he was lying down, by making the slightest noise I could have induced him to stand up and have got a good shot and at the distance most likely a fatal one; but my cursed stupidity lost me the beast. I then went on till 10½ A.M. and thinking it was too late to find bison in the open, commenced to burn. Scarcely had the fire been lit, when I saw a herd of bison coming towards me. None of the other people saw them. Taking the ladder, I ran quickly towards them and climbed up into a tree and got a good shot into the shoulder of the biggest; the ball hit, and I thought the beast would have

fallen, but it ran into the midst of the herd and they all crowded together standing perfectly still and bewildered within 50 yards! My left barrel of the Express missed fire and all the cartridges fell out of my pocket, besides, the recoil of the gun nearly knocked me off the tree each time I fired. I was standing up, partly on the tree and partly on the ladder. Taking the 12 bore, I made a lucky right and left, and floored two large cows; still not a bison moved beyond tossing their heads and looking in a most threatening manner in our direction; before I could get fresh cartridges, for my pockets got emptied, when I stooped to get my second gun the herd trotted off, the rear being brought up by the one first wounded and who though left behind at every pace still struggled on and eventually went down the hill-side, where I lost it. I then walked back to camp and sent for coolies to bring in the spoils.

11th.—I sent for coolies to take our things down the hill and went out for a short stroll, looking for sambur. I came upon a middling buck and four does and two young ones. I stalked the buck and got within perhaps 120 yards of him and miserably missed! the herd disappeared in a second. I then went to the end of the hill, came across a young buck sambur and a half-grown doe. I floored the stag, and walking up to it leisurely it jumped up and looked at me. I fired hurriedly, forgetting I had the 150 yards sight up and missed clean; the sambur went zigzagging away accompanied by the doe and both disappeared down the hill-side. I was so disgusted that I set to work to burn jungle and immediately put up a lot of jungle fowl! which fully accounted for my bad luck. I saw two jungle sheep *en route* but did not get a shot. No coolies arrived, so sent a policeman after them. During the night I heard noises as of beasts moving over this hill, and in the morning found a herd of bison had passed within 100 yards of my tent.

12th.—I went out for two or three hours after the bull I had wounded on the 10th, as my *shikaris* had come across him looking very seedy. Yesterday, and in nearly the same spot where he had been fired at, they reported him very lame and stiff, and I told them I should go out after him in the afternoon; but to prevent my doing so, they set the jungle on fire as they don't care for bison shooting and funk a wounded bull in this long grass. I had no hope of finding anything as the fire must have frightened away



every thing, but still I thought I'd go out, just to sell the coolies; I had to go a good deal further than where I had killed the two cows on Sunday, and then on climbing up a tall tree saw a good-sized bull bison which I fired at; he ran towards us till within 30 yards, then turned off and got the second barrel somewhere in the body; he was then joined by a cow and both went off down a khudd and I after them. I got a snap shot at one of them and hit and followed up a long way by the blood, but did not find. Going back heard a noise and getting up into a tree saw the ears of a doe sambur, but could not get a shot and the animal soon disappeared. I then burnt more jungle, went to camp, found the coolies assembled, went down the hill, then into the boat, and found myself at Sawlaishwarum, next night. Thus ended a pleasant week's trip, and I hope to make a longer one further into the hills in April and May.

## CHRONICLES OF THE MEERUT TENT CLUB.

BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

*Pooth, February 21.*—Four gentlemen out. Began beating to the south from the bridge of boats. Found two sounders in the cut jhao, but no boar. Continued beating till opposite Sirsawah, when a sounder was disturbed with one small boar in it. He proved to be a jinking beast, and when overtaken squatted and was lost. Wheeling the line about, a fair boar got up on the left and was followed by the four spears. The running was principally made by Capt. B. on Echo, and after a very fast run he succumbed to the rest of the party. Beating on, a second pig was viewed by Mr. J. into a small patch of grass which he for some time refused to quit, notwithstanding the repeated prods the gentleman made at him. At last finding the situation too hot, he made off affording a first class run Capt. B. getting the spear. The beat was continued half right and on the small sand ridge Mr. J. tallied a boar ahead and ran him up to the big nullah. Capt. W. there took up the running, and the two sportsmen soon made him bite the dust. Beating on. Capt W viewed a good boar close

to the cultivation which he ran at a good pace towards the river as far as the first *nullah*. There the boar turned left back and jinking twice, Capt. B. and Mr. J. cut in. These two hunted him with various luck till he was despatched in some thickish jhao.

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|----------|-------------------|-----|------------|
| 1st Boar | Capt. W.'s Hindoo | ..  | 29 inches. |
| 2nd "    | Capt. B.'s Echo   | ... | 29 "       |
| 3rd "    | Capt. W.'s Hindoo | ..  | 28 "       |
| 4th "    | Mr. J.'s Polly    | ... | 31 "       |

Seven more sportsmen joined the party at dinner.

*February 22.*—The party now consisting of eleven spears, four of them crossed the river in the morning and beat in the direction of Ulleepoor. The others formed line with the right on the Ganges and in two parties. About a mile from the old road a large boar was run by the right party and lost. When opposite Palwara, the line beat west to the Port and Gurmakhtisar Road where it wheeled back towards the Ganges. Several pig were seen but no boar. At lunch the detached party rejoined not having had any success in their beat. After lunch beat west, when a sounder was soon on foot and a boar ridden by the left party and lost. Continuing across the *nullah* near Peshwara, after two more unsuccessful runs, a fine boar was found and run by Col. S., Capt. L. and Messrs. J. and L., Mr. J. claiming first blood. He succumbed to the united efforts of the party. When close to the end of the beat a boar was tallied by Capt. B., who rode him at a quick pace towards Pooth. The first spear, however, fell to Capt. H. and the little brute was so enraged by it that he charged the sportsmen one after another as they came up. Fortunately for the horses his tushes were too short to do much harm, and he was killed close to the ford over the Budha Gunga.

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| 1st Boar | Mr. J.'s Bay Mare | .. | 34 inches. |
| 2nd "    | Capt. H.'s Smiler | .. | 28 "       |

*February, 23.*—Eight spears. Beat commenced at Palwara jungle. Continues north, on the north bank of the Ganges to the old bathing ghauts where two sounders were disturbed but no boar large enough to tempt a run. Wheeling towards the telegraph pillars a small boar was viewed across the *nullah* and run by Capt. B., Messrs. S. and L., who soon killed. Continuing the beat, Capt. B. viewed a boar which he, L. and S. rode for some distance,

till jinking back, Capt. L. joined in the chase and got his first blood at pig. Wheeled the line south when a boar was run and killed by Capt. L. and party. Beating on, a sounder was disturbed from a sand-hill amongst which W. tallied a boar which he ran at a fast pace some distance where piggy turned and charged to the first spear. Mr. J. immediately after giving him a deep one, and piggy stood at bay. Mr. S. coming upon a pony, the boar made a vicious charge at him. S. fortunately met the boar's forehead on the point of his spears, the concussion nearly sending the pony off his legs. News was brought that a herdsman had seen a boar enter a sugar-cane-field close by, but on beating the field it turned out to be a small sow. The spearmen retired to their new camp at Gurmaktisur.

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|----------|---------------------|----|------------|
| 1st Boar | Capt. B.'s Echo     | .. | 28 inches. |
| 2nd      | „ Capt. L.'s Infant | .. | 29 „       |
| 3rd      | „ Capt. L.'s Badger | .. | 31½ „      |
| 4th      | „ Capt. W.'s Hindoo | .. | 32 „       |

*February, 24.*—The party were joined at breakfast by Capt. J. and Mr. H. from Meerut. Beat the ravines where but few pig were seen. One boar, who broke behind the village on the high ground, was ridden by Capt. H., Messrs. A., W. and R. who lost him in the crops. Beat the *jheel* where a boar was found in a patch of thick rushes. Mr. G., Capt. L. and W. in pursuit, and though the water in parts was deep piggy had to succumb Mr. G. first blood. After lunch beat south along the river as far as the sand-hills without success, but on that well-known ground a fair boar was soon on foot and ridden by the centre party. Messrs. S. and G. getting spears into him, and Capt. B. a ducking in deep part of the *nullah*, piggy made good his escape to the ravines. At the same time the left and right party were seen riding: the left Capt. H., Messrs. W., A. and R., Mr. W. getting first blood, the pig was soon dispatched by the party; the right were not so fortunate; Capt. L. got away on Badger with so long a start, the members of the party were not near enough to assist when he speared a good boar. Breaking his spear short off and his horse falling on his head, the boar made good his escape.

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| 1st Boar | Mr. G.'s ch mare  | .. | 29 inches. |
| 2nd      | „ Mr. W.'s Mendil | .. | 32 „       |

*February 25.*—Moved camp to Jurunuh.

*February 26.*—Fourteen spears. Beat on the north bank of the Burhi Gunga, the spears being divided into three parties. The first boar got up on the right, and, after a fast run in which Capts. B. and W. made play alternately, succumbed to the lancer thrust of the former. The next boar was viewed by the centre party who speared several times but not deadly enough to prevent the pig dashing into the mouths of the Burhee Gunga followed by Mr. R., an act of daring which procured the sportsman a ducking. As the coolies were again got into motion, the syces following in rear of the right viewed a heavy boar which had stolen back. Capts. B. and W. were soon in pursuit, the latter over shooting the mark, the former speared the brute which was unable to run from several wounds evidently received in deadly combat with some of his kindred swine. Still beating north, a boar got up close to the left party. Col. S. and Capt. L. made play with him till the latter, horse and all, fell into a deep hole in a small *nullah*; during the confusion of seeing the man and horse safely out, piggy was making good his course to the fastnesses of the Burhee Gunga. Immediately after the centre party were seen riding at a fast pace across the front of the line, Major J. getting a bad fall, Mr. R. his horse stalked by the horns of a dead black buck, the remainder of the party killed a fair specimen of the Kadir boar. Line wheeled round by Bhugwanpore village, where a large boar was raced back by Mr. L. and the right party, piggy evidently thinking the pace too good to last sat down for a second in some thick grass, and while the sportsmen were getting round their horses, cleverly made his escape.

After lunch beat south towards Gourie village. Almost immediately the right party were seen riding towards Chandpore and lost; as they returned to the line a sounder was disturbed from their lair and before they discovered the absence of the pater familias, Mr. J. tallied the boar going in another direction which he, assisted by some of the centre party, rode and killed.

Beat on till close to Gourie where a sounder was viewed by the right party. Captain B. singled out the boar which he, assisted by Messrs. S. and G. towards Uskeripore where he succumbed to their united efforts. Beat out the remainder of the jungle to Gourie where the sportsmen

decided to stop as the nearest jungle would form part of the next day's beat.

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|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st Boar         | Captain B.'s King Coffee | 28 inches. |
| 2nd "            | " "                      | 32 "       |
| 3rd Mr. A.'s     | Prince Charlie           | 30 "       |
| 4th Mr. J.'s     | B. W. Mare               | 29 "       |
| 5th "            | " "                      | 32 "       |
| 6th Captain B.'s | Echo                     | 29 "       |

February 27.—Eleven sportsmen, divided into three parties, formed line west of Gourie beat north along the *nullah*, a sounder got up on the right of the line but when among them, almost immediately another sounder was viewed on the left, including a good boar which Captain W. and Mr. S. singled out and ran to the edge of the deep *nullah* where Captain B. joined in the chase and claimed first blood. Beating on, a boar was run and lost by Mr. R. and Captain B. While the line was halted, Mr. A. saw a panther asleep in a bunch of grass and calling Captain L.'s attention to him, Captain L. rode at the beast which got up and ran into some long grass where Captain L. speared him on the spine; the elephants were then brought up when the panther ran across the *nullah* a short distance, and crouched on seeing Captain B. as he returned from chasing a boar, Captain L. then speared a second time, and as he passed, the brute clawed the Badger badly on the fore-arm. The panther then turned and charged Mr. L. who received him with a spear on the fore-head. Mr. L. rode at the panther again knocking him on his back, the brute tried to tear at the horse's stomach but was fortunately too badly speared and reached only the horse's knee. He succumbed immediately after to the united thrusts of the sportsmen. Beating on, a boar was run towards the Ganges at a hot pace by Mr. L. but unfortunately lost through a large "parah" taking the same line as the boar. While the party were trying to find the lost boar, another was viewed by Captain H. and Mr. G. which they brought to bag. Beating west along the Ganges found a sounder while looking to see their sex, Captain B. managed to kiss mother earth rather suddenly.

After lunch beat the Chandpore Jungle forwards and crossways on the second hand when close to the villager

succumbed but not before he had left his mark on Captain B.'s horse.

Another boar was ridden by Mr. L. and party for some distance till jinking from one sportsman to another, Mr. L. made him bit the dust.

The next day the sportsmen returned to Meerut.

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|----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1st Boar | Capt. B.'s Echo          | 30½ inches. |
| 2nd „    | Mr. J.'s Bay Mare        | 32 „        |
| 3rd „    | Captain B.'s King Coffee | 29 „        |
| 4th „    | Mr. L.'s Polly           | 28 „        |
| Panther  | Captain L.               | 7ft. 1 in.  |

## A SHORT GOSSIP ON SPORT.

BY MAORI.

I PROMISED you some sporting notes from my far-away corner in Oudh, but hitherto the fates have proved adverse, and I have been too seedy for months to go beyond the verandah. My guns are lying useless in the corner, and I, shorn of my once fair proportions, resemble a "bottle hung in the smoke," so shrunken and shrivelled am I, though debarred from action, however, reading remains as a resource, and in the *Saturday Evening Englishman* I saw a reprint from Chambers' Journal on the subject of tiger stories. I thought them unusually mild, and one I heard the other day certainly caps the best of them so far as the narrowness of the escape goes. My friend P with a friend was returning from a small fair in Assam; they had just left a tea garden about a mile behind, and were nearing a bridge over a *nullah* in the dense forest through which they were riding both being mounted on ponies. The sides of the *nullah* were steep, the bridge was below the level of the road, which was here sloped down towards the *nullah*, leaving a bank fringed with thorny bushes on each side. P was riding first. His friend was about perhaps 30 yards in the rear. It was just getting dusk, all at once without a moment's warning (I ought here to say "an enormous tiger with a terrific roar, &c., &c., &c., but I won't), a well-formed tiger sprang out of the bushes right on to the flank of P's pony. The sudden shock and fright, as well it might,

were too much for my friend's nerves. He tumbled off, and the pony, luckily only scratched severely, tore off in the direction of the tea garden they had just left. For an instant the tiger stood looking at P who was sitting in the dust in a mortal funk. His friend in the rear shouted out "What the devil is the matter?" "Stripes," with a grin which shewed his ugly fangs, made one bound into the jungle and disappeared. P and his friend, as you may well imagine, were not long in making tracks in an opposite direction, and indeed one wonders at his narrow escape. Such a case I believe is very rare. An *old man-eater* lying in wait beside some forest road, might have attacked a man on foot, but here was a *young* tiger attacking a *mounted* man with a companion close behind. Perhaps, he was only taking a rise out of P and did not really intend to eat his pony after all.

A leopard now I believe to be a far more courageous animal than a tiger. He is more wary, more cunning, but at the same time, when his blood is up, more daring. There are hundreds of cases of his carrying off dogs from the verandahs of houses in broad day-light. Only the other day (8th November) a very pretty little four-horned deer that I had tamed, and was intending as a present to the Calcutta Zoo, was carried away by a leopard from my garden in broad day-light. There were four men ploughing close by, who raised a shout, but the leopard got into the high grass very leisurely, and there was an end of my poor pet.

C, my neighbour, was walking home from one of his villages not long ago in the evening. He had nothing but a stout "*la-thee*" with him and some 8 or 10 dogs of a breed he has, half pointer, half bull dog. Vic, an old black slut and a great favorite, was lagging behind in her usual lazy manner. C. turning round to call her, distinctly saw a very large leopard slouching along through the grass by the side of the path and evidently stalking poor old Vic. C waited till the slut came up, and putting his *kummerband* round her neck, tried to hurry her along. He did not half like the idea of a fierce powerful brute dogging his steps in this manner, and hurried on as hard as he could, calling to his dogs and trying to keep the pack around him. For nearly half a mile the leopard followed him. He saw it several times distinctly, now on one side of the path and now on the other. Once it ranged up alongside and actually went in

front of him, and he thought "now for a scrimmage," but he reached the bungalow in safety and with his dogs intact; but had he not shewed a bolt front and calmly kept on his way, I have no doubt the leopard would have had a dog for supper. It must be no joke to have such a brute following one in a lonely jungle, with only a stick to defend one's self with, and I think C's behaviour did great credit to his nerve.

He told me an instance of rare pluck and self-possession which deserves recording. He was out shooting with W, a fine strong-built man and a thorough sportsman who belonged to the Forest Department. During a "hawk" W fired at, and slightly wounded, a leopard, which, as is very common with these brutes in like circumstances, came straight at him. It made good its charge and seizing him by the left arm, knocked him over. His quick eye noticed the stump of a *sal* tree close by nearly hidden in the grass, and which the weather and the white ants had scooped and furrowed till a score of hard sharp points only remained of the once hardy stem. Collecting himself for an effort and disregarding the pain of his limb which the leopard was fiercely tearing, he seized the brute by the throat with his right hand, pluckily jammed his left lacerated arm still firmer and farther into the cruel jaws, and hauling the leopard to the spot, he fairly by sheer pluck and strength fractured its skull against the hard sharp spikes of the tree trunk, and though sorely mauled, remained the victor in this desperate encounter.

Tigers are not often got in the forest jungles in any part of Oudh unless an occasional stray one during the rains, but at all times leopards are very plentiful and are very bold and daring. The hyæna too is not unfrequently met with. My gomastah shot three in one day not long ago, but I have not come across one yet. The skin is rather prettily barred and there is a huge ridge or mane of long stout hair along the back like bristles.

I hope my short gossip may not weary your readers. I trust soon to be able to walk my jungles once again with recovered health and spirits, and if I meet with sport worth chronicling, will not fail to let you know.

[We shall be glad to receive an account of it.—ED.]



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE HURDWAR FAIR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Before this letter is in print, the Hurdwar Fair will have been over.

There is one subject in connection with this Fair which I should like to touch upon, and this is the absence of sufficient inducement to visitors—visitors in a sense apart from the pilgrims—to attend the Fair. Perhaps it is not generally known that the Government give very handsome awards for the best of several classes of horses exhibited at Hurdwar. Of course competition is (wisely or unwisely it is not the object of the present letter to discuss) confined to “dealers and breeders,” and, therefore, none but those who, in the strictest official interpretation of the terms, can be classed under these heads, bring animals or have any interest in the Fair; but it is the object of this letter to endeavour to persuade the authorities in charge of the arrangements at the principal Fairs, to frame some inducements to others than pilgrims and breeders and dealers to attend the Fair. Any one who has visited the Hurdwar Fair during the last six or seven years, the recently established Government prizes notwithstanding, must admit there is absolutely no “show” of horses and no improvement visible year by year. There are many thorough-going sportsmen among the Royal Engineers and Cavalry Officers whom duty brings to this Fair and whose aid would be of material assistance in starting one means of giving the Fair more *eclat* and bringing more grist to the mill. Why not take Souepore as a precedent and establish races at Hurdwar? There is capital ground especially for cross country events on the left of the *kutchra* road near Myapora. Why could not some of the funds at the disposal of the Prize Committees, be made available for Queen’s Plates and Produce Stakes so as to induce horsey men to come not only to win the cups but to give trade a flip? For all the “following” that attend a race meeting will, whatever ill effects their presence may have on the morals of English towns, confer a boon on a Horse Fair. Depend upon it, racing men who do not now come up to Hurdwar in the very doubtful chance of picking up a likely nag, will, when the Fair rises to a superior

standard, flock in scores when they have besides other inducements. On the other hand, no one can doubt but that the races once established will induce breeders and dealers to bring more valuable animals and from greater distances than at present, and of course benefit the horse breeding operations and fulfil the end of the Queen's plates being given. At present the breeders have no object in rearing horses of a higher value than are likely to pass muster as remounts, and if their horses come up to that standard and they secure from Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 for each animal they are satisfied. Of course there are exceptions when some of the remounts obtain higher prices, but this is not due so much to their excellence as to the general scarcity of good horses attending the Fair. Beyond the remount agents there is not a soul at the Fair who cares to give more than Rs. 200 for a horse. If there were men ready to pay down Rs. 600 and over for good horses, and it became known all over the country, the effect on the Fair would be surprising. The season of the year at which the Hurdwar Fair is held, is likewise most favorable for the more successful carrying out of the scheme I propose. By the end of March all the sporting men have, flushed with their down-country laurels, returned up-country, and would only be too glad to afford their horses an opportunity to earn their corn, rather than be idle between the Meerut and Umballa Spring Meetings, by a little diversion in the neighbourhood of Hurdwar. The races might, even if it came to it, be held closer to Roorkee which is quite close to Hurdwar, and there are always many thorough sportsmen to be found in the garrison there among the Royal Engineers as well as the European Regiment, who would readily lend their aid in the carrying out of the scheme if funds were forthcoming.

Roorkee would, in all probability, have a race meeting of its own each season, but though the spirit is willing, the sinews of war are scarce, for the community is small. I shall be glad if this subject is fully discussed and urged upon Government. I hear General Sir Sam Brown, the Superintendent General of Horse Breeding Operations, is to be at Hurdwar at the Fair and to him I would respectfully commend these suggestions, relying thoroughly on his good sense both as a staunch sportsman as well as the best judge as to the way the ends of Government can be served.

FRANKS.

## DEAD HEAT FOR THE DERBY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I have a bet with a friend as to whether there has ever been a dead heat for the Derby, and we shall be obliged if you will decide it for us.

Yours faithfully,

EPSOM.

[Yes, in 1823 there was a dead heat between Casland and The Colonel. Casland won the deciding heat.—ED.]

## RAVINE DEER'S HORNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Will some of your numerous readers kindly inform me to what size Ravine Deer's horns grow? Also to what size do antelope's horns grow? What are the largest that have ever been shot?

AFIM.

## VINGT-ET-UN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—To settle a dispute, please say in your next what puts the dealer out at Vingt-et-un.

Yours, &amp;c.,

TRUMPS.

[If a player, not being the dealer, holds a natural vingt-et-un, it puts the dealer out, except (a) it is the first hand of the deal, or (b) the dealer also has a natural.

*Note.*—Sometimes by agreement the dealer has a given number, or is allowed to deal the pack out twice, for instance.—ED.]

## BANGALORE RACE-MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

SIR,—I shall be obliged by your making known, through the medium of your Magazine, that during the ensuing Bangalore Race Meeting (July 17th to 29th) the Members of the Bangalore Gymkhana will be glad to contest any of the following sports with Members of any other recognised Club, viz. :—

Cricket.  
Polo.  
Golf.  
Rackets.  
Billiards.  
Lawn Tennis.

The undersigned will be glad to communicate with Secretaries of Clubs willing to join in these sports, with a view to arranging amusement for the numbers of people who are in Bangalore at that season of the year.

Yours obediently,

SECY., BANGALORE GYMKHANA.

BANGALORE, }  
15th April 1877. }

## CRACKED HEELS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I would ask ENQUIRER if in trying “every thing” he ever gave Holloway’s ointment a trial?

yours faithfully,  
TIP.

D A C C A, }  
April. }

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### "BUFFALO HUNTS," AS PURSUED IN THE TIME OF THE EMPEROR AKBAR.

BY YOUNG NIMROD.

It is doubtless a misnomer to style *entrapping buffaloes* as being *buffalo hunts*, but it is as well to adhere to the designation employed by the author of the *Ain-i-Akbari*, and hence I have done so, with the addition however of inverted commas, to show that, I am in no wise responsible for it. It further shows that, the ideas of 'sport' as current even among the bold and daring Muhammadans, are very different from ours, and what we would unhesitatingly term "ensnaring" or "entrapping," is reckoned as fair and legitimate sport by them.

There appear to have been two modes of catching buffaloes resorted to, and the first of them is thus succinctly described :—

"At a place where buffaloes sleep, a rope is laid on the ground, but the end forming a loop is left outside. Another long rope is attached to it. To this they tie a female buffalo that wants the male. A courageous active man lies in ambush. As soon as a wild male buffalo comes to the spot and covers the female, the hunter makes use of the opportunity, and fastens the foot of the male; but it frequently happens that the man loses courage, and has to pay for the attempt with his life."

Courage in the hunter, or rather entrapper, was, no doubt, indispensable, and he, probably, in fact actually did, run into greater danger in catching these huge and fierce beasts under the peculiar circumstances narrated, than we would in meeting them in the open with loaded rifle in hand.

The next and last method of catching buffaloes appears to have been somewhat less dangerous, and probably more exciting, as many could participate in it :—

"Another mode of catching them is to go near to the ponds which they frequent. They put snares round the ponds; and sitting on tame buffaloes, the hunters go into the water with spears in their hands. Some buffaloes are then killed with spears, others are caught in the snares. A similar method may be adopted, when buffaloes are attacked on their pastures," when, no doubt, the sport was all that could be desired.

"Hunting with Hawks" will form the burden of the ensuing article, and as falconry was pursued in this country as a recreation of the nobles in almost the same way—only the fair sex did not join in it—as it was in Europe, it will be interesting for the reader to compare the oriental and occidental methods of following this now obsolete, or at all events obsolescent sport.

KHULNA, (JESSOR), }  
April 2, 1877. }

## THE GANGES CUP CONTEST, 1877.

On the 4th of April the Cawnpore Tent Club mustered in force at Gungagunj, near the grass cover better known as the Sambalpoore Meet. The hunting began about 8 the next morning, and before breakfast all the 9 first heats were run off. The ground was in splendid order and the pace rattling. The result was as follows:—

## No. 1.

|    |                     |         |          |       |            |
|----|---------------------|---------|----------|-------|------------|
| 1. | Capt. St. Quintin's | g a h   | Vivian   | Owner | 1st Spear. |
| 2. | Nawab Jafar Ali's   | —       | Shamsher | "     | 0          |
| 3. | Mr. Wheeler's       | —       | Warwick  | "     | 0          |
| 4. | „ Roger's           | g c b h | Dandy    | "     | 0          |

## No. 2.

|    |                     |        |             |       |            |
|----|---------------------|--------|-------------|-------|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Watson's        | ch w g | Philanderer | Owner | 0          |
| 2. | Hon'ble Cavendish's | b w g  | Fob         | "     | 1st Spear. |
| 3. | Mr. Cruickshank's   | bl a h | Moor        | "     | 0          |
| 4. | Nawab Sayad Ali's   | —      | Taos        | "     | 0          |

## No. 3.

|    |               |           |         |     |            |
|----|---------------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Webb's    | Robinhood | Owner   | ... | 1st Spear. |
| 2. | „ Alexander's | Charlie   | "       | ... | 0          |
| 3. | „ Carr's      | Marion    | Mr. Tod | ... | 0          |
| 4. | „ Chapman's   | Tom Brown | Owner   | ... | 0          |

## No. 4.

|    |                 |            |           |     |            |
|----|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Constable's | The Squire | Owner     | ... | 0          |
| 2. | „ Robertson's   | Marathon   | "         | ... | 0          |
| 3. | „ Sparkie's     | Marquis    | "         | ... | 1st Spear. |
| 4. | „ Cleburne's    | Leopard    | Scratched | ... | 0          |

## No. 5.

|    |                |          |       |     |            |
|----|----------------|----------|-------|-----|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Kekewich's | Bedad    | Owner | ... | 1st Spear. |
| 2. | „ Daniell's    | Royalty  | "     | ... | 0          |
| 3. | „ Doyne's      | The Baby | "     | ... | 0          |
| 4. | „ Garstin's    | Bedouin  | "     | ... | 0          |

## No. 6.

|    |                  |            |                 |            |
|----|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Dunbar's     | Glenmore   | Capt. Leslie... | 0          |
| 2. | Capt. Darley's   | Fermoy     | Owner ...       | 0          |
| 3. | Mr. Bon Espoir's | Wild Tommy | „ ...           | 1st Spear. |

## No. 7.

|    |                  |          |                |            |   |
|----|------------------|----------|----------------|------------|---|
| 1. | Mr. Chapman's    | Franklin | Owner          | ...        | 0 |
| 2. | Syed Jafar Ali's | Farha    | Mr. Wheeler... | 1st Spear. |   |
| 3. | Syed Ali's       | Farhan   | Owner          | ...        | 0 |
| 4. | Mr. Daniell's    | Convict  | "              | ...        | 0 |

## No. 8.

|    |                |             |             |     |            |
|----|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| 1. | Mr. Watson's   | Lamplighter | Owner       | ... | 1st Spear. |
| 2. | " Chapman's    | Dugald      | Mr. Preston |     | 0          |
| 3. | " Bon Espoir's | Emperor     | Owner       | ... | 0          |
| 4. | " Kekewich's   | Oscuro      | "           | ... | 0          |

## No. 9.

|    |                  |                 |       |     |           |
|----|------------------|-----------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| 1. | Captain Leslie's | The Nameless B. | Owner | ... | 1st Spear |
| 2. | Mr. Alexander's  | Cheroot         | —     | ... | 0         |
| 3. | " Robertson's    | Tisch           | —     | ... | 0         |
| 4. | " Garstin's      | Œdipus          | —     | ... | 0         |

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## 1ST PARTY.

|                    |                 |       |     |            |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Mr. Kekewich's     | Bedad           | Owner | ... | 0          |
| " Webb's           | Robinhood       | "     | ... | 1st Spear. |
| Capt. St. Leslie's | The Nameless B. | "     | ... | 0          |

## 2ND PARTY.

|                     |            |               |     |            |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----|------------|
| Nawab Syed Ali's    | Farha      | Mr. Wheler... |     | 0          |
| Hon'ble Cavendish's | Fop        | Owner         | ... | 1st Spear. |
| Mr. Bon Espoir's    | Wild Tommy | "             | ... | 0          |

## 3RD PARTY.

|                     |             |       |     |            |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Mr. Watson's        | Lamplighter | Owner | ... | 1st Spear. |
| " Spankie's         | Marquis     | "     | ... | 0          |
| Capt. St. Quentin's | Vivian      | "     | ... | 0          |

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mess-shamiana which was swaying about in an alarming manner. The sudden change from the cheerful party round the table to groups of men wildly tugging at the tent ropes, wet through to the skin and looking in the lurid lightning flashes rather like maniacs with violent ague, was most ludicrous. The ropes at last gave way with a crash and into the dim darkness went the shamiana. The storm continued for some time, but the spirits of the Tent Club were not to be damped by trifles, and those who thought an early grave the probable result of taking refuge in a tent, made night hideous with their shivering choruses. One unfortunate's clothes were washed off him—at least that is the only reason he could assign for running about the camp in the costume of Adam before the Fall. No serious damage was done by the storm, and the next morning was delightfully cool. There was no more hunting, but on Saturday a polo match was played between a team of the XIII. Hussars and Cawnpore, which ended in an easy victory for the former by 5 goals to 1.

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| *2. Hon'ble C. Cavendish's<br>10th Hus | b w g  | Fop         | "              |
| 3. Mr. Batson's, 9th Lers              | b w g  | Lucifer     | "              |
| 4. Dr. Kellett's,                      | b w g  | Chocktaw    | Mr. Jeffreys   |
| 5. Mr. Fife's, 9th Lers,               | b s b  | Warrior     | Owner          |
| *6. Capt. Bullen's 15th K. H.,         | gr a   | King Caffee | "              |
| 7. Lord Ogilvy's 10th Hus,             | b a h  | George      | "              |
| 8. Major-Genl. Hon'ble<br>Hardinge's,  | br a h | Kilworth    | "              |
| 9. Mr. Golightly's 60th Rifles,        | ch     | Mare        | "              |
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| 13. Capt. Bulkeley's<br>10th H.,       | g a h  | Malta       | "              |
| 14. Mr. Constable, 13th H.,            | ch w g | The Squire  | "              |
| 15. Col. Swindley's, 15th<br>K. H.,    | ch a h | Adais       | Capt. White    |
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| 18. Mr. Preston's, 73rd K.             | gr a g | Hindoo      | "              |
| 19. Capt. Hall's, 15th K. H.,          | gr a h | Smiles      | Capt. Maginnis |
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\* Winners.



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|                                 |         |                |               |     |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----|
| 21. Mr. Shearburn's,            |         |                |               |     |
| 9th Lers,                       | gr w g  | Val            | Mr. Chisholme |     |
| 22. Mr. Reid's 15th K. H.,      | b a h   | Bird's Eye     | Owner         |     |
| 23. Capt. Bullen's              |         |                |               | } 6 |
| 15th K. H.,                     | ch w g  | Echo           | "             |     |
| 24. Mr. Watson's,               |         |                |               |     |
| 13th Hus,                       | ch br g | —              | "             |     |
| 25. Hon'ble R. Leigh's,         |         |                |               | } 7 |
| 15th K. H.,                     | gr c h  | Exshaw         | "             |     |
| *26. Mr. Allfrey's, 15th K. H., | ch a g  | Prince Charlie | "             |     |
| 27. Hon'ble C. Cavendish's,     |         |                |               |     |
| 10th Hus,                       | gr sb g | Blue Rein      | "             |     |

## 2ND TIES.

|                           |        |                |             |     |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----|
| 1. Hon'ble C. Cavendish's | b w g  | Fop            | Owner       | } 1 |
| 2. Mr. Watson's           | b w g  | Lamplighter    | "           |     |
| *3. Capt. Bullen's        | gr a h | King Coffee    | "           | } 1 |
| 4. Col. Swindley's        | ch a h | Adais          | Capt. White |     |
| 5. Mr. Allfrey's          | ch a h | Prince Charlie | Owner       | } 3 |
| 6. " Watson's             | ch w g | —              | Mr. Fife    |     |
| *7. Capt. St. Quintin's   | gr a h | Vivian         | Owner       |     |

## FINAL TIE.

|                      |        |             |     |     |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|-----|-----|
| Capt. Bullen's       | gr a h | King Coffee | ... | } 1 |
| *Capt. St. Quintin's | gr a h | Vivian      | ... |     |

*March 19th.*—Formed line of coolies and elephants facing north from Sirzapore. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 ties placed along the line.

No. 1 Ties were the first to view a pig, who charged under Mr. Jeffreys, who, however, failed to get blood. Mr. Cavendish took up the running, and very shortly got spear off a fat 31½" boar.

No. 5 viewed a boar, a spanking beast about 29", which Captains St. Quintin and Luck ran at a hot pace to a small nullah, where the former fell. When Mr. Preston joined Captain Luck in the pursuit, these two hunted the boar with varying luck, till the boar turning back was met on the point of his spear by Captain St. Quintin, who had remounted.

No. 4 were started after a fast 29" boar, Captain Humfrey leading to the nullah, where he fell. From this point Captain White followed the boar, till he drew blood.

No. 3 Ties were the next started after a good boar, Mr. Smirke leading till he made an injudicious thrust at the pig, which let in Mr. Watson, who kept in close attendance of the boar till he speared.

No. 2 Tie started after a boar, which led them over a series of small nullahs. General Hardinge and Lieutenant Ogilvy fell before they had gone 200 yards; the other two lost in some thick grass. After luncheon they got on to a small pig, which turned and twisted all over the jungle till Captain Bullen stopped his career.

*March 20th.*—Beat North West of camp ties 6 and 7 with the line.

No. 6 started after a small pig, which twisted and turned so often it was impossible to say who had the best of the run. Eventually Mr. Watson claimed first blood.

No. 7 also were started after a small one, Mr. Leigh making the pace hot for above  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to a small jheel, where the pig laid up. While hunting about for him, he suddenly charged Mr. Alfrey, who received him on the point of his spear.

2nd Ties, No. 1.—The party viewed a small boar ahead, which Messrs. Cavendish and Watson ran to a thick patch of grass in a nullah where the two waders forged ahead. Captain Bullen being the quickest back speared. No. 2—Several short runs, but no blood. In the last run Mr. Watson, when close on the boar, fell and hurt his shoulder so badly he had to put up Mr. Fife on his horse next morning.

March 21st.—Formed line close to camp. No. 2 Tie were started after a small boar. Captain St. Quintin having made all the running speared.

Final Tie.—The two sportsmen were started after a fair boar. Captain Bullen took up the running and turned the boar several times unfortunately, when victory seemed almost within his grasp, King Coffee slipped on his side. The boar was so beaten he went only a short distance and squatted in a tuft of grass, where Captain St. Quintin got the spear and cup.

The members of the M. T. C. continued the remainder of the week at Sherpore, slaying *soor* to the number of twenty-eight.

Thus ended a most pleasant week's sport. Songs and recitations in the evening had been plenty, and the cup of mirth had indeed been full. Numerous croppers had been taken while in pursuit, but none worthy of record, excepting one as being amusing: a voluntary cut by a portly Hussar from a camel on his return to Meerut, and one as being unfortunate in disabling Captain Maginnis, and which will in all probability oblige him to seek sick leave to England. The gallant Captain had found by himself late in the evening the biggest pig (he declared) he had seen since he had been in the country. While turning, however, to avoid a river, his horse fell and Captain Maginnis dislocated his knee, and had to return to Meerut in a dooly.

—*The Pioneer.*

## BALLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY 1877.

Present:

THE HON'BLE W. F. McDONELL, V.C., C.S., in the Chair.

F. ATKINSON, Esq.  
G. W. F. BUCKLAND, Esq.  
J. H. EDWARDS, Esq.  
J. HENDERSON, Esq.  
A. A. LYALL, Esq.  
C. H. MOORE, Esq.  
H. MILLETT, Esq.  
H. R. MCINNIS, Esq.  
G. C. MACLAGAN, Esq.

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R.H.A.  
G. T. ROBERTS, Esq.  
JOHNSTONE SMITH, Esq.  
E. A. THURBUEN, Esq.  
W. L. THOMAS, Esq.  
G. E. THOMAS, Esq.  
J. R. THOMAS, Esq.  
H. J. C. TURNER, Esq.

1. The accounts for season 1876-77, shewing a credit balance (Rs. 1,800-1-9, were passed.
2. The following officers were elected for season 1877-78—

*Stewards:*

HON'BLE W. F. McDONELL, V. C., C. S.

J. J. J. KESWICK, Esq.

CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS, R. H.A.

JOHNSTONE SMITH, Esq.

CAPT. W. A. J. WALLACE, R.E.

E. A. THURBURN, Esq.

J. THOMAS, Esq.

*Honorary Secretary*

... J. H. EDWARDS, Esq.

3. J. A. Bourdillon, Esq., was elected a member of the Association.
4. A vote of thanks to Messrs. R. Brancker and A. E. C. Trotter for selecting and sending out Race Cups, was carried unanimously.
5. A vote of thanks to Mr. C. H. Moore, the retiring Secretary, was carried unanimously.

6. a. It was proposed by Mr. C. H. Moore, and seconded by Mr. W. L. Thomas that Rule No. 21, viz.—

“No *bond fide* Race horse shall be allowed to run in any Race for which the Association gives a prize, &c., &c.” should be erased.

The proposition was carried by a considerable majority.

b. It was proposed by Mr. C. H. Moore and seconded by Mr. E. A. Thurburn that Rule No. 23 should be erased, and the following substituted—

“All horses must be *bond fide* the sole and unconditional property of a member or members of the Association.”

The proposition was carried, and the Rule now stands as above.

J c. It was proposed by Mr. C. H. Moore, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Edwards, that Rule No. 28, which at present stands—

1 “At least *three* of the Stewards of the Association shall be also  
St “Stewards of any Race Meeting to which it is proposed to  
fo “make a presentation” be altered to—

“One Steward or the Honorary Secretary, &c., &c.” The Hon'ble W. F. McDonell proposed as an amendment that the Rule be erased altogether, Mr. Millett seconding the same, and the amendment was carried.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(Sd.) W. F. McDONELL,

*Chairman.*

J. H. EDWARDS,

*Honorary Secretary.*

## THE MONTH.

THE accounts of the University Boat Race of this year and the gossip connected with it are of course particularly interesting in consequence of the dead heat. Though we believe that it is far easier for experts to predict to which side victory will fall in the case of a boat race than it is in that of any other kind of race, it is none the less true that the Thames watermen are remarkably successful in foretelling the result of this particular annual contest, and they and all experienced amateurs were agreed that the crews were both unusually good and well matched, though differing as to their respective merits, and that a very close struggle was certain. On two of the best judges among the watermen being consulted shortly before the race, one said that the crews were so evenly matched that it would be turned into a trial of skill between the coxswains, and the other that it would entirely depend on the weather, *i. e.*, if the water were rough the superior strength of Oxford would prevail, while if it were calm, the style and finish of Cambridge would bring them in first. The descriptions of the race bear out these views, for never did two better-matched crews row against each other. The weather was in favor of Oxford, and Cambridge most unaccountably had the disadvantage of a very bad boat, so bad indeed, that a keel was put on at the last moment, and this of course stopped the way of the boat, while the rudder being left as it was, the coxswain found it necessary to use it a great deal, thus increasing the stopping force. So, though Cambridge took the lead during the earlier part of the race when the turns of the river were favorable, they lost it and were just cleared by Oxford afterwards when the turns were the other way, and when the wind had full effect on the water, making it what is called "lumpy." Cambridge reduced the lead a little at one time after this, but there can scarcely be room for doubt that, as the day was and as the two boats were, Oxford would have won, after a good race, had it not been for the accident to bow's oar, whether it happened when he caught a crab or not, (as is generally supposed) which "sprung" and became of comparatively little use. This enabled Cambridge to recover their ground and make it a dead heat.

There seems to have been a nearly general opinion that on the whole Cambridge were rather the better crew, and that were it not for their bad boat it was a question, weather and

all, if Oxford could have won even if the accident had not occurred, while with an ordinary boat and fine weather Cambridge must have been the victors. It will be remembered that the first telegram on the subject received in this country said Oxford had won, the explanation of which seems to have been that the judge disappeared immediately after firing the gun and announcing a dead heat to those near him, instead of waiting for the umpire; and one of the spectators, whose wish was doubtless father to the thought, being unable to obtain an authoritative answer, assumed that Oxford had won, and set the report going. It seems that efforts were made by both sides to get the umpire to upset the judge's decision, the ground being that though the boats were exactly level at the moment he fired the gun, he did not do this at the right time, the partisans of Oxford saying he did it a little too late, when Cambridge had got up just after passing the real winning post, and the supporters of Cambridge saying exactly the reverse, viz., that he fired too soon, and that at the proper moment for it the Cambridge boat, which had been going the faster since the accident, was ahead. The judge, however, adhered positively to this decision, and it was confirmed.

The betting appears to have been heavier than was ever known before, but it all came to nothing, the bets being drawn, excepting, *on dit*, one remarkable bet, which was well "landed." Towards the end of the race an offer was made to take 100 to 1 against its being a dead heat, and the odds were immediately laid. That betting should come into vogue in regard to this match is unfortunate, as heavy betting will in time be surely accompanied by attempts at roguery. Indeed the *Sporting Gazette* says there was a rumour as to the Oxford oar having been tampered with, though we have not observed this statement in any other paper. We are, however, reminded that there was a suspicion of the same kind some years ago when the nut of the outrigger of the Cambridge stroke came out or worked loose. The boats and oars are, however, locked up and well taken care of now, so it would not be easy to do any thing of the kind.

Cambridge got the better of Oxford in the remaining University contests. In the Racquet Matches Oxford won the single-handed one by three games to two, all very closely contested, while Cambridge won the double-handed one by four games to one. At billiards Cambridge won both matches. At the Lillie Bridge Athletics, Cambridge won five events to four.

The Lillie Bridge amusements, by the way, were supplemented by one or two additions, among which was, notably, an attempt at a trial of strength between an elephant and a number of men. Ropes were harnessed to the elephant and passed on each side of her behind, each rope branching off into several smaller ones. The elephant was tempted to pull forward by a French roll held

just out of her reach, while fifty men did their best to pull her backwards. It is stated that she did not try to pull forward in the least, but only resisted successfully the attempt of the fifty men to pull her back. Ten more men were added to the fifty, and then the elephant was pulled back fairly.

A great walking match between O'Leavy, an Irishman who has been naturalized in the United States of America, and the American pedestrian Weston, has taken place at the Agricultural Hall at Islington. O'Leavy won the match by walking 520 miles in nearly an hour less than six days, Weston having done 510 shortly before and resigned the contest. Truly great feats, both of them.

The legitimate racing season at home commenced well at Lincoln where Lord Wilton's Footstep, a four-year-old filly by See-saw, won the principal event, the Lincolnshire Handicap, carrying 7st. 2lbs. only. The race was run at a strong pace throughout, the time being 1-42 over a straight mile, so that the weight told on all the good horses, Thorn 9st. 5lbs., Controversy 9st. 2lbs., and Petrarch 8st. 10lbs., to wit, who were out of it pretty early.

Lincoln was succeeded by the Liverpool Spring Meeting where Austerlitz five years, 10st. 8lbs., carried off the Grand National, that good horse Congress, carrying 12st. 7lbs., running second.

The telegraph says the result of the race for the Two Thousand Guineas Stakes was Chamant 1, Crown Prince 2, Silvio 3. The public running of 1876 is borne out by the victory of Chamant, who was by far the best performer among the two-year-old of last year. In the earlier part of the season he was not fit, and was beaten not merely by good horses in the July stakes and other races, but by some second raters. But getting into form towards the end of the year, he carried off the two great stakes and great tests of two-year-old merit, the Middle Park and Dewhurst Plates. In the former race he carried 8st. 13lbs., beating Pellegrino 8st. 7lbs. and Plunger 8st. 9lbs., two good ones, though there were only "two heads," between the three. Other good ones such as Lady Golightly, 8st. 13lbs., and Sidonia and Rover, 8st. 6lbs., also ran. But Chamant's final performance winning the Dewhurst Plate, carrying no less than 9st. 5lbs. over so long a distance as seven furlongs, and beating Plunger, 8st. 13lbs., who was the favorite and backed at evens against the field, by half a length, was a truly great one, and a two-year-old who could go through it without suffering from so great a trial of his powers is bound to be a "clinker" in his third year, though after the in-and-out running of Kisber and Petrarch, no one ought to be surprised at any horse running ever so well or ever so badly. Chamant is the property of Count de Lagrange was bred in France, and is a bay horse by Mortemer from Aran-



cara. He takes after his as to one merit, but is of a different colour. We remember seeing Mortemer win the Ascot Cup in 1871, and never did the appearance of a horse in action better come up to the expression "winning in a canter." It was not merely that he won very easily, but that being a compactly made and well-proportioned horse seventeen hands high, his canter was a real one when he was going over the ground at a great pace. We are unable to identify\* Crown Prince, the second horse in the Two Thousand. No horse of that name is to be found in the Calendar of Races past, or in the Nominations for this year, and we do not find the name in the betting either. The nearest to it is Brown Prince, a horse of Mr. Sanford's, the American, but Brown Prince, though entered for the Derby was not in the Two Thousand. Crown Prince must have been lately named. About the best of the unnamed of last year was Mr. Baltazzi's colt by Buccaneer. Silvio won four races out of five in 1876, his best being the Ham Stakes at Goodwood and the Clearwell at Newmarket, but he only beat second-class horses.

The prospectus of the Madras Races, which we received too late to notice in our last, is a strong one as regards purses and plates, there being five of Rs. 1,000 and two of Rs. 750, besides the Trades' Plate, the amount of which is uncertain. The meeting has, however, been reduced to four days in accordance with the prevailing tendency now-a-days. The rules confining the races to horses the property of and managed by members of the Madras Turf Club, which excited so much comment last year, are in force again we see.

The Bangalore Gymkhana Club say they will be glad to play any other recognised club at billiards, lawn tennis, cricket, polo, golf, or racquets. one or more, during the Bangalore Races in July. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary Bangalore Gymkhana.

In the usual place our readers will find the Prospectus for the Calcutta Races. Every attempt has been made to render the meeting a popular one, and we can only hope that the Stewards' efforts will be appreciated and also rewarded by liberal subscriptions, numerous entries, and a good attendance. There are divided interests to consult in the matter of morning or afternoon racing, and in this respect both parties are equally cared for. Every class of horse has at least one race on each day wherein it can compete. The Stewards recognising the growing taste for Jump Races, have provided a new attraction by adding a Hurdle Race to each day's sport. This race ought to be most popular and produce a large field daily. There are many men with sporting tastes who from various causes cannot indulge themselves in the expensive luxury of a string of race horses, but who can

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\* In all probability rolletta colt.

keep and train for themselves a well-bred horse with a fair turn of speed, who can jump a bit. For these the Hurdle Races should be a most welcome addition to the Prospectus, and we think that the chances afforded in four Hurdle Races and Sir Salar Jung's Cup show beyond question that gentlemen riders who cannot ride below a certain weight and consequently have been debarred heretofore from taking an active part in the Calcutta Races, have been provided with ample opportunities of displaying their grace and skill in the saddle. Amongst the Rules, we would draw particular attention to Rule 8 which we know will be strictly carried out. During the last few years there has been unfortunately too much proof of the necessity for some such stringency. Not only have defaulters been too numerous and the amount of their default serious, but the disappointment arising from these defaults has been the cause of considerable loss to the Race and Turf Club Funds, as well as to individuals. Honorable men who have paid their own losings have found that they could not realise the winnings to which they were entitled and consequently the lotteries have met with lukewarm support from staunch supporters of the most desirable description. The rule therefore is one, one which we are sure will meet with the approval of all straightforward men, and be thoroughly supported. There have never, we think, been a fairer prospect of sport for every description of horse and rider. The Stewards have done all in their power to adopt the meeting to the wants of the present generation of sporting men, and we hope that the latter will shew their appreciation of this fact by heartily supporting the Stewards in every way and that the July entries will show promise of a most successful meeting in December.



# RACING CALENDAR

FOR

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# RACING CALENDAR.

## RACES PAST.

### RAWAL PINDI SPRING MEETING, 1877.

PINDI is a station not lightly to be spoken of. A little out of the world by reason of its distance from Jhelum and the railway, but sufficient in itself in things appertaining to society, and charmingly situate on a slope facing the Murree Hills—ever beautiful and changeable in shade and color, and crowned with the thin white line of snow indicative of cool breezes and a pleasant climate. Here I found myself, after the agreeable week at Lahore, on the morning of the distribution of the prizes to the successful exhibitors at the annual horse show. There were not a great number of horses present. Many had left, others had been sold. What I did see impressed me favorably with the progress of breeding in this part of the country. The brood mares showed both quality and substance, and the yearlings at their side bore promise of becoming useful troopers. North Australian, the most successful sire at the stud, was in the district, very much to our regret; but Grey Warrior, The Earl, Moslem, and several English sires were paraded, and well rewarded every admirer of the thorough-bred. The three named are perfect specimens of the Arab, and in their present condition are handsomer than in their racing career. The Earl had most admirers, and without doubt looked the gentleman of the lot. You don't often get an account of Pindie races. Nevertheless the sport thrives kindly and merits record. To-day everything went well. The weather was perfect, the attendance excellent, the 4th Hussar band afforded good music, the fields were good and the races well contested. There was not much plunging, but the lotteries overnight were fairly enough attended, and owners had no difficulty in backing their horses for moderate sums.

### FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1877.

A. and C.-B. Ponies. 13-2 and under. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                 |        |          |    |    |               |   |
|-----------------|--------|----------|----|----|---------------|---|
| Mr. Johnson's   | b cb p | Overture | 9  | 9  | Robinson      | 1 |
| „ Kendall's     | g a h  | Gazelle  | 10 | 6  | Kendall       | 2 |
| Capt. Humfrey's | b cb p | Mistake  | 10 |    | Capt. Humfrey | 3 |
| Major Prinsep's | g cb p | Mohmuud  | 10 | 4  | Capt. Green   | 0 |
| Mr. Beau's      | d cb p | Ugly     | 8  | 11 | Native        | 0 |

Won by Overture by a neck from Gazelle ; bad third. Time—54 secs.

The half-mile course is believed to be short.

Valuation Stakes. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                 |         |               |     |        |   |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|-----|--------|---|
| Mr. Kendall's   | ch cb m | Lady Hamilton | 10  | Native | 1 |
| Capt. Barstow's | b w m   | Lynette       | 9   | Ryder  | 2 |
| Mr. Follett's   | g w g   | Consolation   | 9 7 | _____  | 0 |

Won by Lady Hamilton by a neck from Lynette ; indifferent third Time—1min. 24secs.

The Sensation Handicap. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. For all Arabs, country breds and Galloways.

|                 |          |              |      |             |     |   |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|------|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Maitland's  | b a h    | Navarino     | 10 4 | Ryder       | ... | 1 |
| " F. Johnson's  | g aus g  | Ooloo        | 9 4  | Robinson    | ... | 2 |
| " Maitland's    | ch aus m | Fleur-de Lis | 9 7  | Owner       | ... | 3 |
| " Follett's     | ch cb g  | Waverley     | 10 4 | Capt. Green | ... | 0 |
| Major Prinsep's | w cb h   | Mohmuud      | 6 4  | Native      | ... | 0 |

A bad start. Navarino got away several lengths in front, Fleur-de Lis and Waverley together, and Ooloo and Mohmund some lengths behind. Won by Navarino by a length from Ooloo ; Fleur-de-Lis, bad third. Time—1 min. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Galloway Race. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                 |        |                 |      |             |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------|-------------|-----|
| Capt. Humfrey's | ch a h | Multum-in-parvo | 11 0 | Capt. Green | ... |
| Mr. Kendall's   | g a h  | Gazelle         | 9 12 | Kendall     | ... |
| " Johnson's     | b cb p | Overture        | 8 7  | Robinson    | ... |
| " Mansel's      | b cb h | The Twin        | 10 2 | Capt. Green | ... |
| Capt. Jackson's | b cb h | Zephyr          | 9 13 | _____       | ... |
| Mr. Peter's     | b cb g | Poppy           | 10 4 | _____       | ... |

Won easily by Multum-in-parvo ; Gazelle second, with Overture length and a half off, third ; Twin fourth. Time—1min. 28secs.

The Arab and Country-bred Stakes. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                |       |          |     |     |
|----------------|-------|----------|-----|-----|
| Mr. Maitland's | b r h | Navarino | ... | w o |
|----------------|-------|----------|-----|-----|

Receiving the entrances only.

## SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1877.

Kanna is a village some four miles from Pindi. There, in a charming valley beneath the blue hills, but a little distance away, is one of the best and prettiest steeplechase courses in the world, constructed around a natural hillock near the centre over good turf and cultivated country. On that vantage ground to-day were the hospitable mess tents of the 9th Regiment and 4th Hussars ; the band of the latter and every body who is any body in the station ; and from thence we saw three of the finest chases imaginable. The course has undergone some improvement at the hands of Captain Hutchins, the energetic and popular Honorary Secretary, since I saw it two years ago ; an

though some of the fences were on the big side, they were so judiciously placed and sloped, and the whole thing looked so natural, that only one fall occurred in the three races.

The event of the afternoon, the Kanna steeplechase, produced five starters. Melrose, who led the field until he came to grief in the service chase at Delhi, old Medora and that fine fencer, The Duke were all backed; but when it was known that John Irving would steer the first-named, he became decidedly first favorite. The Duke shewed the way for the first two miles, Charlotte and Medora in close attendance, Melrose waiting some fifty yards away, and Cavalier out-paced from the start. The course then turned, and the horses retraced their steps for some distance over the original line. Returning by the knoll about three-quarters of a mile from home, Medora and Charlotte were together in front, with Melrose, closing gradually and full of running, on the quarters of the fast tiring Duke. Approaching the last formidable obstacle—a high, narrow bank—Melrose joined the leaders, and the three negotiated the fence absolutely in line, The Duke following some distance off, and Cavalier pulling up. Irving immediately after took the grey to front, and won a grand race rather easily at the finish by a couple of lengths, Charlotte beating Medora by a length for second place.

Four weighed out for the Galloway Chase, the pony Overture having perhaps the most numerous supporters. They kept pretty well together to the first broad bank, when Rocket unfortunately fell, and though quickly remounted, lost too much ground to give him any chance. The others approached the last fence together, but Overture, though full of running, declined, and Poppy landed Mr. Peter's colours first by a length from Tradesman 2nd. The Amalgamation Chase, though but three started, was perhaps the best of the day. Frailty and Badger alternately led, and Pretty Girl seemed in difficulties throughout, knocking a huge hole in one of the walls and narrowly escaping a fall at another. Badger landed first over the final jump with Frailty at his heels, and Pretty Girl a length and a half off, and now John Irving sat down and, with one of the most splendid efforts I ever saw, snatched the race out of the fire and scored the first victory for the sporting Honorary Secretary of Lahore by a length, Frailty a length behind Badger. The sport wound up with a scratch race for Galloways and ponies, won by Tradesman 2nd.

#### Kanna Steeplechase. Distance about 3 miles.

|                 |       |           |       |              |     |   |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-----|---|
| Dr. Watson's    | g w g | Melrose   | 11 1  | Irving       | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Smith's     | c w m | Charlotte | 11 1  | Mr. Mathews  | ... | 2 |
| Capt Green's    | b w m | Medora    | 11 1  | Owner        | ... | 3 |
| Major Clarke's  | c w g | Cavalier  | 11 1  | Capt. Studdy | ... | 0 |
| Capt. Hutchin's | b w g | The Duke  | 11 11 | Owner        | ... | 0 |

Won by Melrose by two lengths; Charlotte a length in front of Medora; The Duke some distance behind; Cavalier pulled up.

Galloway Chase. Distance about 2 miles.



|                |        |               |    |    |              |   |
|----------------|--------|---------------|----|----|--------------|---|
| Mr. Peter's    | b cb g | Poppy         | 10 | 4  | Capt. Terrot | 1 |
| Major Princeps | d cb h | Tradesman 2nd | 10 | 10 | Capt. Green  | 2 |
| Mr. Johnson's  | b cb g | Overture      | 3  | 7  | Robinson     | 0 |
| Mr. Mathews'   | w cb g | Rocket        | 9  | 2  | Owner        | 0 |

Won by Poppy, Tradesman 2nd, a length off second. Overture refused the last fence. Rocket fell.

Amalgamation Chase. Distance about two miles.

|                 |         |             |    |    |              |     |   |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|----|----|--------------|-----|---|
| Capt. Barstow's | c c b g | Pretty Girl | 10 | 3  | Irving       | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Mathew's    | b w g   | Badger      | 10 | 10 | Owner        | ... | 2 |
| „ Bourke's      | g c b m | Frailty     | 10 | 10 | Capt. Terrot | 3   |   |

Pretty Girl won by half a length, Badger finishing a length in front of Frailty.

### THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1877.

Both on Wednesday and Thursday nights the lotteries were well attended, the great object of speculation being a second Sensation Handicap for Arabs, Country-breds and Galloways.

Match. Rs. 1,000 a-side. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                |       |          |    |   |       |     |   |
|----------------|-------|----------|----|---|-------|-----|---|
| Mr. Maitland's | b a h | Navarino | 9  | 5 | Owner | ... | 1 |
| „ Kendall's    | b a h | Corone   | 10 | 1 | Owner | ... | 2 |

Won by Navarino by two lengths. Time—3mins. 2secs.

All Horse Handicap. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                  |         |               |    |   |              |     |   |
|------------------|---------|---------------|----|---|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. F. Johnson's | br w g  | Royal         | 10 | 7 | Owner        | ... | 1 |
| Major Kinloch's  | b w m   | Sally         | 11 | 0 | Capt. Tillot | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Jackson's  | ch cb m | Lady Hamilton | 8  | 3 | Kendall      | ... | 0 |

Much time wasted at the start through the vagaries of Lady Hamilton, who bolted to her stable after Captain Hutchins had sent them away on equal terms. Royal won by three lengths from Sally. Time—2 mins. 53 secs.

Garrison Stakes. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|                   |                            |          |     |    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----|----|
| Captain Humfrey's | Multum-in-parvo, 9st 5lbs. | ...      | ... | 1  |
| Mr. Hookey's      | b w g                      | Othello  | 12  | 2  |
| „ Follett's       | ch cb g                    | Waverley | 9   | 11 |

Waverley refused to go to the post. Multum-in-parvo won easily by three lengths. Time—1 min. 31 secs.

Pony Handicap. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|               |          |    |    |          |     |   |
|---------------|----------|----|----|----------|-----|---|
| Mr. Kendall's | Gazelle  | 10 | 12 | Owner    | ... | 1 |
| „ Johnson's   | Overture | 9  | 5  | tucram   | ... | 2 |
| „ Arthur's    | Mohauud  | 8  |    | Robinson | ... | 3 |

Gazelle won cleverly by a length, Mohmund bad third. Time 1 min. 31 secs.

Buggy Stakes. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|                   |              |    |   |             |   |
|-------------------|--------------|----|---|-------------|---|
| Captain Hutchins' | Grey Dayrell | 11 | 0 | Mr. Johnson | 1 |
| Captain Deau's    | Suark        | 11 | 0 | —           | 2 |
| Mr. Rhodes'       | Tom          | 11 | 0 | —           | 0 |

Grey Dayrell won easily by two lengths ; Tom a bad third. Time—1 min. 57 secs.

Charger's Stakes. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|             |               |    |   |   |     |   |
|-------------|---------------|----|---|---|-----|---|
| Mr. Grant's | Zante         | 11 | 4 | — | ... | 1 |
| „ Skinner's | Light Dragoon | 8  | 7 | — | ... | 2 |
| „ Blacker's | St. Patrick   | 8  | 7 | — | ... | 0 |

Zante won easily by two lengths ; Light Dragoon second.

Sensation Handicap. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                   |                 |    |    |             |     |   |
|-------------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Maitland's    | Fleur-de-Lis    | 8  | 12 | Owner       | ... | 1 |
| Johnson's         | Ooloo           | 9  | 5  | Sucram      | ... | 2 |
| Follett's         | Waverley        | 10 | 5  | Capt. Green | ... | 3 |
| Maitland's        | Navarino        | 10 | 0  | Ryder       | ... | 4 |
| Captain Barstow's | Pretty Girl     | 9  | 3  | Irving      | ... | 0 |
| „ Humfrey's       | Multum-in-parvo | 9  | 5  | Robinson    | ... | 0 |

Fleur-de-lis won by a length and a half ; Ooloo second ; Waverley close up, third ; Navarino fourth. Time—54 secs.

Match. Rs. 200 a-side. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                |             |     |     |     |   |
|----------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Mr. Wear's     | Tommy Owner | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| „ Litchfield's | Ugly Owner  | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Match. Rs. 100 a-side. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|              |            |    |   |   |     |   |
|--------------|------------|----|---|---|-----|---|
| Mr. Willan's | Chuppattie | 10 | 0 | — | ... | 1 |
| „ Reader's   | Romp       | 10 | 0 | — | ... | 2 |

#### FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1877.

There were only a couple of chases and a match of no very general interest, but the weather was agreeable ; the 17th Regiment sent out luncheon, the 4th Hussars pitched their hospitable refreshment tent, and the thing became a sort of sporting picnic.

The walers were in most favor for the Two-mile Steeplechase, and one or other would probably have won had they been a little more carefully steered. Grey Dayrell began by refusing the water-jump, and after picking up much of his lost ground, was finally disposed of, by baulking and parting with his rider at the last fence but one. Consolation was entrusted to an Australian boy, called Robinson, who brought him to grief at the water soon after the start, and unfortunately confirmed the unfavorable impression created by his previous performances at Pindi across country and on the flat. Thus the race lay between the country-breds, and Pretty Girl, thanks to the masterly

horsemanship of John Irving, conceding 10lbs., placed the stakes to the credit of the Lahore Honorary Secretary.

The Handicap Chase for Ponies and Galloways fell to Poppy, ably steered by Captain Terrot, Tradesman second, with Robinson up, running indifferently. Rocket fell when going well, and left his native rider on the ground, and Nina ran unkindly from the first, and repeatedly refused.

The event of the day was now to come, a sporting match between Frailty and Pretty Girl, 13st 7lbs. each, owners up. Some doubt was expressed about either going the course, and chaff about falling off and that sort of thing circulated freely, but to the surprise of those who had not seen the gentlemen in the pigskin before, both performed like workmen, and afforded us a capital race; Frailty, who was allowed to get too much of a lead, landing the coin by three or four lengths.

Steeplechase. 15-2 and under. Distance 2 miles.

|                 |     |              |    |   |              |     |   |
|-----------------|-----|--------------|----|---|--------------|-----|---|
| Capt. Barstow's | c b | Pretty Girl  | 11 | 3 | Irving       | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Bourke's    | c b | Frailty      | 10 | 7 | Capt. Terrot | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Hutchin's | w g | Grey Dayrell | 11 | 4 | —            | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Collet's    | w g | Consolation  | 11 | 5 | Robinson     | ... | 0 |

Handicap Chase. For Ponies and Galloways. Distance 1½ miles.

|                 |           |    |    |              |     |   |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Peter's     | Poppy     | 10 | 11 | Capt. Terrot | ... | 1 |
| Major Prinsep's | Tradesman | 10 | 6  | Robinson     | ... | 2 |
| Mr. Mathews     | Rocket    | 9  | 2  | Native       | ... | 0 |
| „ Hill's        | Nina      | 9  | 10 | Mr. Mathews  | ... | 0 |

Match. Rs. 200 a-side. Distance 1½ miles.

|                 |     |             |    |   |       |     |   |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|----|---|-------|-----|---|
| Mr. Bourke's    | c b | Frailty     | 13 | 7 | Owner | ... | 1 |
| Capt. Barstow's | c b | Pretty Girl | 13 | 7 | Owner | ... | 2 |

—The Pioneer.

## AGRA SKY RACES.

*Stewards :*

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. BROWNE. | A. R. POLLOCK, ESQ., C. S.       |
| W. H. SMITH, ESQ., C. S.     | CAPTAIN PULFORD, R. E.           |
| H. G. WEIR, ESQ., R. A.      | E. T. HUTTON, ESQ., 60th Rifles. |
| <i>Secretary</i>             | ... CAPTAIN WAITER, 8th N. I.    |

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1877.

The Agra Stakes. For all horses. Walers 11st. 7lbs. C. B. 10st  
Arabs 9st. 7lbs. ¾ mile.

|                   |       |          |    |   |            |       |
|-------------------|-------|----------|----|---|------------|-------|
| Capt. Pulford's   | c w g | Harkaway | 11 | 4 | Mr. Palmer | ... 1 |
| Mr. W. H. Smith's | g a g | Redan    | 9  | 4 | „ Upton    | ... 2 |
| Capt. French's    | b w g | Lancer   | 11 | 4 | „ Phillips | ... 3 |
| Mr. Davis's       | c a h | Hope     | 9  | 7 | „ Wells    | ... 0 |

Harkaway, the favorite, selling for Rs. 170 in a Rs. 500 Lottery and Redan Rs. 120.

Lancer went away with the lead for the first quarter mile, when Harkaway showed no front. Redan, some lengths behind; at the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile post the latter closed up, and raced with Harkaway down the straight, the latter eventually winning by half a length only.

The Pony Race. For all ponies 13-2 and under.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. C. W. over 10st. 7lbs.

|                  |        |                 |    |   |                |       |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|----|---|----------------|-------|
| Mr. Weir's       | b cb m | Cigarette, late |    |   |                |       |
|                  |        | Regalia         | 10 | 4 | Owner          | ... 1 |
| Capt. Pulford's  | b cb p | Billy           | 10 | 7 | Capt. Walter   | 2     |
| Mr. Wintle's     | c cb m | Lady Love       | 10 | 4 | Mr. Palmer     | 3     |
| „ Martin's       | b cb g | Ranger          | 10 | 4 | Owner          | ... 4 |
| „ Vere's         | b cb g | Bell            | 10 | 4 | Mr. Upton      | ... 0 |
| Capt. Robinson's | b cb p | Gamecock        | 10 | 7 | Owner          | ... 0 |
| Mr. Well's       | d cb m | Mignonette      | 10 | 4 | Ditto          | ... 0 |
| „ Crawford's     | g cb p | Jumbo           | 10 | 7 | Mr. Molesworth | ... 0 |

A field of 8 turned out for this race. Great speculation at the Lotteries, Billy, Cigarette, Ranger and Gamecock, all selling well.

A bad start, Cigarette jumping off with the lead and Billy last some lengths in rear. Ranger and Cigarette were leading at the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile post, but from here the latter drew a head, Billy running very gamely from the distance in, made up his lost ground, and managed to secure second honors, by a head from Lady Love.

The Hack Stakes. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. C. W. over 10st. 7lbs.

|                 |        |           |    |   |              |       |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|----|---|--------------|-------|
| Capt. Walter's  | c cb g | Clockwork | 10 | 4 | Owner        | ... 1 |
| Colonel Brine's | c cb g | Banker    | 10 | 4 | Mr. Palmer   | ... 2 |
| Capt. French's  | b w g  | Lancer    | 10 | 4 | „ Upton      | ... 3 |
| Mr. Willis'     | g cb m | Bijlee    | 10 | 4 | „ Molesworth | 0     |

Banker was made a great favorite at the Lotteries, Clockwork next.

Good start. Clockwork, at once cut out the work, with Banker in attendance, and never being headed won hands down.

The Lilliputian Stakes. For ponies 12-2 and under. C. W. over 10st.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

|              |        |         |            |       |
|--------------|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Mr. Weir's   | b cb p | Cheroot | Owner      | ... 1 |
| „ Hatchell's | g cb p | Pundit  | Mr. Durham | ... 2 |
| „ Hill's     | c cb p | Tommy   | Owner      | ... 3 |

Three other ponies started. Won easily by Cheroot.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1877.

The Garrison Stakes. For all horses regularly ridden on parade as chargers.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Walers 11st. 7lbs. C B.s 10st. Arabs 9st. 7lbs.

|                  |        |              |    |    |            |     |   |
|------------------|--------|--------------|----|----|------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Molesworth's | g a h  | Jack         | 9  | 7  | Owner      | ... | 1 |
| " Gastrell's     | g cb h | Gaylad       | 10 | 0  | Mr. Durham | ... | 2 |
| Capt. Walter's   | c cb g | Clockwork    | 9  | 11 | Owner      | ... | 3 |
| Mr. Scott's      | c w m  | Evening Meal | 11 | 4  | Mr. Weir   | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Weir's       | b a h  | Don Juan     | 9  | 7  | „ Upton    | ... | 0 |

Clockwork was made favorite at the lotteries, Evening Meal next in demand.

One false start, after which they got away fairly together, Gaylad and Jack making the running. Clockwork evidently out of temper ran unkindly, trying to cut it and boring on to the ropes all the way down the straight, Jack sailed away at the distance post and won easily by 2 lengths. Clockwork third.

The Galloway Stakes. For horses 14 hands and under. 14 hands to carry 10st. 7lbs., 7lbs. allowed for every inch under.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                  |        |                   |    |   |              |     |   |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|----|---|--------------|-----|---|
| Mr. Molesworth's | b cb g | Ooloo             | 10 | 7 | Owner        | ... | 1 |
| " Trevor's       | c cb   | Knock off         | 10 | 7 | Mr. Upton    | ... | 2 |
| " Palmer's       | c cb   | Novelty           | 10 | 7 | Owner        | ... | 3 |
| Capt. Pulford's  | b cb p | Billy             | 9  | 7 | Capt. Walter | ... | 0 |
| Mr. Weir's       | b cb m | Maid of all Works | 10 | 4 | Owner        | ... | 0 |
| " Keene's        | c cb p | Unkownu           | 10 | 0 | Mr. Gastrell | ... | 0 |

Maid of all Work a hot favorite, next in demand Ooloo. Good start. All well up the first  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, but in the straight run in Ooloo's stride began to tell, and the little one's won shaken off, Ooloo winning easily, the favorite cutting up badly, last but one.

The Steward's Handicap.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. For all horses.

|                 |        |          |    |   |              |     |   |
|-----------------|--------|----------|----|---|--------------|-----|---|
| Capt. Pulford's | c w g  | Harkaway | 11 | 7 | Mr. Upton    | ... | 1 |
| Mr. Smith's     | g a g  | Redan    | 9  | 7 | Capt. Walter | ... | 2 |
| Colonel Brine's | b cb g | Banker   | 10 | 4 | Mr. Palmer   | ... | 0 |
| Capt. French's  | b w g  | Lancer   | 10 | 0 | Mr. Weir     | ... | 0 |

In this race the two cracks, Harkaway and Redan, again met. Redan getting in at slightly better weights, was expected by some to reverse the former race. Some of the knowing ones however, and amongst them his sporting owner, still standing by Harkaway.

A good start, Harkaway cutting out the work at a terrific pace. Redan, lying at his quarters, they ran thus together to the straight run in, when they were both hard at it; Harkaway always having slightly the better of it, won, notwithstanding a determined rush of the Arab's at the finish, by half a length amidst great excitement.

Pony Scurry for Soldiers' Ponies.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

Won by Corporal Budd's Tommy.

## THIRD DAY, MONDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1877.

A Hurdle Race. For all horses,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, over five flights of hurdles. Walers 11st. 7lbs. Country-breds 10st. Arabs 9st. 7lbs.

|                 |        |           |      |                 |         |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|------|-----------------|---------|
| Mr. Smith's     | g a g  | Redan     | 10 0 | Mr. Durham      | ... 1   |
| Ditto           | b w m  | Topsy     | 11 4 | „ Hatchell      | ... 2   |
| Capt. Pulford's | c w g  | Harkaway  | 11 4 | „ Upton refused |         |
| Mr. Crawford's  | b cb m | Maria     | 10 0 | _____           | fell.   |
| Mr. Trevor's    | c cb   | Knock-off | 10 0 | Gunner          | bolted. |

Five horses faced the starter. A good start, Redan and Harkaway racing for the first hurdle. Harkaway here cannoned against Maria, causing the latter to fall, and parting company with her rider, sailed gaily away over the next hurdle riderless. Harkaway swerving badly at the next hurdle ran out, and was no more seen. From this point Redan had it all his own way, and taking his jumps in good form, and ably piloted, won easily from Topsy.

The Pony Hurdle Race. For ponies 13-2 and under. 13-2 to carry 11st. 7lbs. for every inch under.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|              |        |           |      |                |           |
|--------------|--------|-----------|------|----------------|-----------|
| Mr. Weir's   | b cb m | Cigarette | 10 4 | Owner          | ... ... 1 |
| „ Hutton's   | g cb p | Mumbo     | 11 0 | Mr. Molesworth | ... 2     |
| „ Hatchell's | g cb p | Pundit    | 10 0 | „ Durham       | ... 3     |

All three fenced very prettily, no refusals, Cigarette's speed pulling her through and well ridden, won easily.

Consolation Handicap. For all losers.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

|                |        |        |      |              |       |
|----------------|--------|--------|------|--------------|-------|
| Capt. French's | b w g  | Lancer | 10 0 | Mr. Upton    | ... 1 |
| Mr. Gastrell's | c cb h | Gaylad | 9 10 | Capt. Walter | ... 2 |
| Col. Brine's   | b cb g | Banker | 10 0 | Mr. Palmer   | ... 3 |

A capital race, Banker leading by some lengths the first  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, Gaylad and Lancer closing with him at the distance post, and ran a finishing race in, the Waler's stride, telling at the finish, beating Gaylad by a neck only, a head between 2nd and 3rd.

Thus ended a most pleasant and successful little meeting, which is we trust only a preliminary canter to a larger meeting in the autumn, when we hope to see our friends from out-stations with their horses and to give some cups and purses worth running for.—*The Delhi Gazette.*

# RACES TO COME.

## BANGALORE RACES—1877.

*Entrances on 1st May.*

### THE MAHARAJAH'S CUP.

H. H. Aga Khan's                      g a c    ...    Kaiser.

### MAIDEN GALLOWAY'S.

Mr. Ali Bin Ameer's                      a h    ...    Nujeeb.

### THE MYSORE CUP.

H. H. Aga Khan's                      g a c    ...    Kaiser.

### GALLOWAY PURSE.

Mr. Ali Bin Ameer's                      a h    ...    Nujeeb.  
 „ Jefferson's                      b a h    ...    Cashmere.

### THE DESERT HANDICAP.

Mr. Aubrey's                      b a c    ...    Caractacus.  
 Jefferson's                      b a h    ...    Cashmere.

### THE WHIM PLATE.

Mr. Aubrey's                      b a c    ...    Caractacus.

### OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

Mr. Herbert's                      b a g    ...    Spec.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE CALCUTTA RACES, 1877.

*Stewards :*

LORD ULICK BROWNE,  
 J. J. J. KESWICK, ESQ.,

LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD,  
 CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS,

E. A. THURBURN, ESQ.

*With power to add to their number.*

*Hony. Secretary*                      ...    CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS.

Saturday, the 22nd December, in the afternoon.

Monday, the 24th                      do.                      in the morning.

Thursday, the 27th                      do.                      in the afternoon.

Saturday, the 29th                      do.                      do.                      do.

## FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, THE 22ND DECEMBER, 1877.

The Ladies' Plate. Value Rs. 600. A Hurdle Race for all horses which have never won a Hurdle Race, value Rs. 200 in any country previous to the day of entry. C. T. C. weight for age and class raised one stone. A winner of any Hurdle Race after date of entry once 5lbs., twice 10lbs. extra. A winner of a Flat Race at any time, once 4lbs., twice or oftener 7lbs. extra ; penalties accumulative. R. C. and a distance over 7 flights of Hurdles.

|                 |     |         |          |       |
|-----------------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Entrance on the | 1st | October | Rs.      | 20    |
| "               | "   | 1st     | November | " 40  |
| "               | "   | 15th    | December | " 100 |

when the race will close. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 32 each for all horses declared to start.

N.B.—Ten to enter and five to *run*, or Rs. 400 only will be given ; if ten *run* Rs. 800 will be given.

The Derby Stakes Of Rs. 1,000 from the Fund. For Maiden Arabs. Weight for age. Horses that have never started before the day of naming allowed 3lbs. Winners of any race to which Rs. 1,000 were added to carry 6lbs. extra, of two or more such races 10lbs. extra.

|                 |     |      |          |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|------|----------|-----|-----|
| Entrance on the | 1st | July | ...      | Rs. | 30  |
| "               | "   | 1st  | October  | "   | 80  |
| "               | "   | 1st  | December | "   | 200 |

When the race will close. A Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for all horses declared to start. 2 miles.

The Colonial Stakes. Of Rs. 1,000 from the Fund. For all Maiden Australian, Tasmanian, Cape and Country-bred horses. Weight for age and class. Horses that have never started before the day of naming allowed 3lbs. Entrance and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. R. C.

The Crawford Cup. Of Rs. 800. For all horses. Horses 14-3 to carry 8st. 10lbs., and 4lbs. added or allowed for every half-inch over or under. A winner of any race in which allowances were made for height, once to carry 5lbs., twice 10lbs. extra ; no other allowances. The winner of this race is liable to be claimed for Rs. 4,000 by any one running a horse in the race. 1 mile. Entrance, &c., as for the Derby.

The Maidan Stakes. Of Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all Country-breds and Arabs. Weight for age and class. Winners of one previous season to carry 7lbs., of two 10lbs., of three




or more, 1 stone extra. Maidens of the day allowed, four-year old and under, 3lbs., five-year 5lbs., six-year and aged 7lbs. Horses that have never started allowed 3lbs. more.

|                 |                 |     |     |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Entrance on the | 1st November    | Rs. | 30  |
| "               | " 1st December  | "   | 60  |
| "               | " 15th December | "   | 150 |

when the race will close at 1 P. M.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

## SECOND DAY, MONDAY, THE 24TH DECEMBER 1877.

 Starting declarations for this day's racing to be made at the Stand, Saturday evening, the 22nd instant, at 7 P. M.

The Alipore Plate. Value Rs. 600. A Hurdle Race for all horses. C.T.C. weight for age and class raised 21lbs. A winner of a Hurdle Race in any country, handicaps included, once 5lbs., twice 10lbs., three times or oftener one stone extra. Winners on the Flat, once 3lbs., twice, 5lbs extra. Horses under 15 hands allowed 3lbs. per half-inch under that height. Horses that have never won a Hurdle Race previous to this Meeting, allowed 4lbs., those that have never ran in such, previous to this Meeting, 3lbs., in addition. Penalties and allowances accumulative. 2 miles over eight hurdles. Entrances, &c., as for the Ladie's Plate.

Ten to enter and five to run or only Rs. 4<sup>00</sup> will be given. If ten run Rs. 800 will be given.

The Viceroy's Cup. With Rs. 500 from the Fund. A race for all horses. No allowance for geldings. Weight for age and class (not to be reduced to weight for age). Maidens three-year-old allowed 4lbs., four-year old 7lbs., five-year and upwards 10lbs. Horses that have never started before the day of the race allowed 3lbs. Winners of Cups presented by the Viceroy, Governor of Madras or Bombay, Prince of Wales' Cup or Empress's Vase in any year or years, once, to carry 10lbs. extra. of two or all of these Cups, 21lbs. extra. St. Leger Course. Nominations may be made on or before

|               |     |     |      |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| 1st July      | ..  | Rs. | 50   |
| 1st September | ..  | "   | 80   |
| 1st November  | ..  | "   | 120  |
| 1st December  | ... | "   | 200. |

Horses to be named on 15th December.

Any number of nominations may be taken out by the same owner, but only one horse to start. Nominations are not transferable, and any horse running must be the property of the nominator. A Sweepstake of Rs. 100 for all horses declared to start.

**Nawab Abdool Gunny Meah's Plate.** Value Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all Arabs. C. T. C. weight for age. A winner of any race to which Rs. 1,000 were added, once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; three times or oftener, one stone extra. Maidens allowed four-year olds and under 7lbs.; five-year and upwards 10lbs. Maidens of the day allowed 4lbs. in addition.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Entrances, &c., as for the Derby.

**The Stand Plate.** Of Rs. 500 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 80 each, half forfeit. For all horses. C. T. C. weight for age and class raised 7lbs. The winner to be sold immediately after the race for Rs. 2,000, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the Fund. An allowance of 5lbs., for every Rs. 250 reduction in entered selling price down to Rs. 500. If not sold the winner to pay the second horse's stakes. \*  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

To close and name on the 15th December.

**The Turnbull Cup of Rs. 500.** For all Arabs and Country-breds, and horses of other classes measuring 14 hands and under. C. T. C. weight for age and class raised one stone. 4lbs. allowed for every half-inch under 14 hands. Winners once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times or oftener 10lbs., extra.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1877.

**The Calcutta Grand Annual Handicap Hurdle Race.** Of Rs. 1,000 from the Fund, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 80 each, Rs. 30 forfeit.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles over 10 flights of hurdles. Entrances as for the Ladies' Plate.

**The Burdwan Cup.** Value Rs. 1,000, presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Burdwan, with Rs. 500 added from the Fund. For all horses. Weight for age and class. Maidens allowed 7lbs. Maidens of the day allowed, three years old 8lbs., four year 5lbs. five year and upwards 7lbs. more. The winner of any race this season value Rs. 1,000, once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener 7lbs. extra, and of any race at this meeting, 4lbs. more. Penalties for winning Cups same as in Prince of Wales' Cup in addition to other penalties. Entrance and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. 1 mile, 3 furlongs.

The Bedouin Stakes. Of Rs. 800 from the Fund. For all Arabs. The winners of the Derby or the Maiden Stakes at this meeting 7lbs. of both 10lbs. extra. Weight for age. Maidens allowed, four year and under 10lbs., five year and upwards 14lbs. Maidens of the day allowed 4lbs. more. Entrance as for the Maiden Stakes. 1 mile.

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#### FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1877.

The Chowringhee Cup. Value Rs. 500. A handicap hurdle race for all horses 15 hands and under, added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each for all accepting. To close and name at the stand at 8 A. M., on the 26th December. Weights to be published on the 28th at the same time and place, acceptances at 1 P. M., same day. R. C., and a distance; over 7 flights of hurdles.

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Entrance as in the Derby, which is the only liability if forfeit be declared on or before the 15th December. Weights to be published on the 3rd December. St. Leger Course.

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To close, name, &c., &c., as for the Chowringhee Cup.

The Marten Stakes, a Handicap Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each, for all accepting. Rs. 800 added. For all Arabs. St. Leger Course. To close, name, &c., &c., as for the Chowringhee Cup.

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## CALCUTTA RACES—1877-78.

The following are the Calcutta Scales of Weight for Age and Class for the month, and distance specified in this Prospectus :—

## WEIGHT FOR AGE AND CLASS.

| DECEMBER.     | 3 OF A MILE. |          |          |          |             | 1 MILE.  |          |          |          |             | 1½ MILE. |          |          |          |             |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|               | 3 years.     |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. | 3 years. |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. | 3 years. |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. |
|               | st. lbs.     | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    |
| English       | 9 6          | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        | 9 3      | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        | 9 2      | 9 13     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        |
| Australians   | 7 13         | 9 0      | 9 3      | 9 7      | 9 7         | 7 9      | 8 13     | 9 5      | 9 7      | 9 7         | 7 7      | 8 11     | 9 4      | 9 7      | 9 7         |
| Capes         | 6 13         | 8 0      | 8 5      | 8 7      | 8 7         | 6 9      | 7 13     | 8 5      | 8 7      | 8 7         | 6 7      | 7 11     | 8 4      | 8 7      | 8 7         |
| Country-breds | 6 7          | 7 5      | 7 7      | 7 7      | 7 7         | 6 4      | 7 3      | 7 7      | 7 7      | 7 7         | 6 2      | 7 7      | 8 4      | 8 7      | 8 7         |
| Arabs         | 5 7          | 6 5      | 6 7      | 6 7      | 6 7         | 5 4      | 6 3      | 6 7      | 6 7      | 6 7         | 5 3      | 6 2      | 6 7      | 6 7      | 6 7         |

| DECEMBER.     | 1½ MILE. |          |          |          |             | 2 MILES. |          |          |          |             | 2½ MILES. |          |          |          |             |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|               | 3 years. |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. | 3 years. |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. | 3 years.  |          | 4 years. |          | 6 and aged. |
|               | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    | st. lbs.  | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs. | st. lbs.    |
| English       | 9 1      | 9 12     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        | 9 0      | 9 11     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        | 8 10      | 9 10     | 10 0     | 10 0     | 10 0        |
| Australians   | 7 4      | 8 10     | 9 3      | 9 7      | 9 7         | 7 1      | 8 9      | 9 3      | 9 7      | 9 7         | 6 7       | 7 8      | 8 7      | 9 0      | 9 0         |
| Capes         | 6 4      | 7 10     | 8 3      | 8 7      | 8 7         | 5 9      | 6 12     | 7 6      | 7 7      | 7 7         | 5 7       | 6 7      | 7 7      | 8 2      | 8 2         |
| Country-breds | 5 11     | 6 7      | 7 0      | 7 6      | 7 7         | 4 9      | 5 6      | 6 12     | 6 12     | 6 12        | 4 7       | 5 9      | 6 7      | 7 6      | 7 7         |
| Arabs         | 4 11     | 5 0      | 5 6      | 6 0      | 6 6         | 4 4      | 5 5      | 6 11     | 6 11     | 6 6         | 4 1       | 5 9      | 6 6      | 6 6      | 6 6         |

English, Country-breds and Arabs take their age from January 1st; Australians and Capes from August 1st.

When English and Colonial horses run together without any other class, the foregoing table is reduced 7lbs.

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When one class run together without any other class, the weight to be carried is weight for age unless when otherwise specified.

Weight for class is the weight for aged horses in the above scale.

Weight for age for English horses is the foregoing scale reduced one stone; for Australians the foregoing table reduced 7lbs.; for Capes, Country-breds and Arabs the above scale raised 7lbs., 21lbs. and 35lbs. respectively.

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1. No forced subscriptions or winning fees will be levied but a Course fee of Rs. 12 will be charged for each horse trained on the Course, to go towards the annual expenses of maintaining and watering the Course. A fee of 5 per cent., on the gross value of each Pari Mutuel and Lottery will be payable to the Fund.

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| 1877.                         |                   |                                      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wellington Races ...          | May ..            | 15th, 17th, and 19th.                |
| Bangalore „                   | July ..           | 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th,<br>and 26th. |
| Bangalore Steeple-<br>chases. | Ditto ..          | 28th.                                |
| Poona Races ..                | September..       | 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th,<br>and 20th. |
| Vizianagram Races             | November..        | 8th, 10th, 13th, and<br>15th.        |
| Calcutta Races ..             | December<br>1878. | 22nd, 24th, 27th and<br>29th.        |
| Madras Races ...              | January ...       | 17th 19th, 23rd, an<br>26th.         |





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WE acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of communications from WANDERER, F. T. P., R. K., GREY BOAR, C., and FELIX, besides others that appear in this Number.

BARKIS's letter, asking us to give particulars about the fastest one-mile-race ever run in India, reached us too late for insertion, but if the time is correctly given, we think the mile-race at Wellington, noticed in The Month in this Number, is the fastest on record. Perhaps some of our readers may have a note of other fast races.

"It's the tigress this time I suppose." But it wasn't, it turned out to be a tiger. The khabbariá arrived at about 10 A. M. and of course the elephants were not in camp; they had all gone for *chárrá*, and I was obliged to wait patiently till past noon, and I did not get under way till near 2 P. M., and by 3 P. M. we reached my friend the khabbariá's village.

"Now then, show us where the 'kill' is," I said to him.

"It's over there to the west," answered the khabbariá, "Come along and I'll show you the place."

And away we went some three hundred yards or so to the west into some broken ground where there were a few trees on which were perched a flock of vultures.

hardly any jungle in the broken ground, and I soon came on the few scanty remains of the cow. As on the former occasion nearly every scrap of the cow had been eaten. The tigers here in Cooch Behar must have awful appetites to eat up a whole cow in this way at a single meal. The beast had killed this cow at about 8 or 9 o'clock this morning, and see! he has polished off all that was eatable of her; and what is of far more consideration to me is, that he has walked off in the bargain. He was not anywhere in the broken ground thereabouts, for I searched through it very carefully.

"What direction can he have gone in?" I asked of the *khābbariā*—"Is there any jungle hereabouts?"

"Oh! yes *khodāwund*," answered the man, "there is plenty of jungle further on to the west, yonder there across the *khal* (burn or brook—a sort of *nullah*) where you see that village. The tiger's *bassah* (literally a lodging, temporary residence) is there; and this is by no means the first or even second cow of our village that he has killed."

"Well then," said I, "he has probably gone there, let us look for his footprints."

We soon found the footprints, they led up along the side of a choked up miry *nullah* which the beast had crossed here and there where there was a bend. The footprints were well-defined and quite fresh, and we had no difficulty in tracking them up to some thick heavy reed and Tarah jungle in a sort of flat swamp formed by the old bed of the *nullah*. I did not like the look of the jungle at all, as being in a swamp, it was in many places very boggy. It was about two hundred yards long by about eighty yards wide, it ran east and west, and on the north-side there was a circular sheet of stagnant water nearly choked up with weeds, and little floating islands of decayed weeds, dirt, and rubbish, overgrown with rank green grass. On the south side close up to the swamp was a village.

The beater elephants ventured into the jungle as far as they dared go, fearing to get bogged, and they beat up towards the west end where I had stationed myself an old "Sher Bahadoor," who was to-day driven by a one-eyed *mahout*, (Tookrah being reported ill).

There were millions of ortolan in amongst those reeds, and they rose in dense swarms at the approach of the elephants; and in the pool of stagnant water before mentioned, there was a flock of wild duck

Thus much for the locality. I had gone on ahead and taken up my position at the west end where I waited very patiently, and as the beater elephants were making very slow progress through the boggy jungle sinking a foot or a deep into the mire and ooze at every step, I may as well in the meantime describe the spot where I had taken up my position. The swamp and heavy reed jungle terminated at that end; but there was a continuation of the *nullah* which wound along westwards, and in which were only a few scattered bushes here and there. To the north of my position was highland but considerably broken up by a branch or arm of the *nullah*. My position was, therefore, under the circumstances, the best that I could have chosen.

I soon discovered that the tiger was in the jungle, and I found he was coming my way all serene. The swarms of ortolan told me of this as plainly almost as if they had spoken it with their million tongues while the elephants were yet a long way off, somewhere near the east end. As the elephants approached, the tiger would hasten on ahead some forty or fifty yards and disturb the ortolan which would rise in a dense flight and alight again on the tops of the reeds forty or fifty yards in advance of their last resting place. This went on three or four times till at last the ortolan took one more flight in advance and then perched on the tops of the reeds near the west end; the beaters being still about eighty or a hundred yards from me. I waited very quietly, and then the ortolan again rose and flew in a dense swarm like a flight of locusts right over my head, and wheeling round by the north they flew away to the east, and again alighted on the reeds at that end, and *now* I heard the reeds crackling and rustling as the tiger made his way through them coming towards me.

He stopped about thirty yards from me evidently to listen. I was a little to the north of the west end of the jungle, and my elephant was partially concealed by a patch of reeds detached from the main jungle, with a little open space between. I could from my elevated position in the *howdah* see well over this patch of reeds into the open space, and I expected every moment to see the tiger sneak out of the main jungle and cross the little open space, to get into the detached patch of reeds in front of me. I was sure that he could not see me, but somehow he became aware of my presence, perhaps he had the wind of me, or perhaps he heard the flapping of "Sher Bahadoor's" ears. At any rate

when the beaters approached closer to him, and one or two of them trumpeted loudly, he suddenly with a roar that startled the wild ducks, dashed out of the jungle into the intervening space beforementioned, and came at me. I fired a shot at him the moment he appeared in the little open space, but in the twinkling of an eye he was across it and had dashed with headlong speed into the detached patch of reeds, and rushing through it he came at "Sher Bahadoor" savagely. I then fired a second shot into the beast at very close quarters and turned him, and he rushed away growling to the east for a few yards and stopped in a belt of some reeds there close to me. I knew nothing of my first shot which I believe missed him, but the second shot I think hit him somewhere. I now moved up into the little open space, as I expected that in whichever direction the beaters would attempt to drive the tiger he would make again for the heavy jungle and I wished to close that avenue against him.

If he came that way, as I was pretty sure he would, I should be able to nebble him, and if he broke into the open I would still be able to knock him over. The only other way open to him was to plunge into that sheet of water and swim for another point back towards the heavy jungle; if he should attempt this he would be a "gone coon" to a dead certainty, he would not be able to make much progress through the weeds and I should be able to blaze at him like fun.

"So now *chullo*" (come along), said I to the *mahouts*, "and turn him out again."

The beater elephants then came forward, entered the reeds, and again beat up the grim monarch of the jungle. He charged at them furiously, broke through as they gave way before him, and made for the little open space; there he encountered me, and I fired two shots into him rapidly with little or no effect beyond turning him, as the Cyclops of a *mahout* I had on "Sher Bahadoor" did not keep the elephant steady. The tiger in turning did not re-enter the heavy jungle. I had prevented his doing that, but he entered some green grass about three feet high which bordered the sheet of water at its west end. The reeds out of which the tiger had been last beaten were to the west of the green grass into which he had now got. I now again changed my position and entered the reeds the tiger had last vacated; and I ordered the beaters to enter the grass from the south and beat

north. The heavy jungle was on the south, with a belt of water between it and the field of grass, and I warned the *mahouts* that if they allowed the tiger to break back through them to the south I should be very angry; and giving Cyclops a crack on the head with my knuckles, I told him I would break his head if he did not keep the elephant steady. "How am I to shoot the tiger if you don't keep the elephant steady?" I said. A native of Bengal is very partial to a self-evident problem. If you argufy with the beggar he'll jaw for hours, but give him a self-evident problem—a problem which bears no answer on the face of it—and he shuts up at once. Bengalis constantly shut each other up in this way. If, after giving Cyclops the crack on the nut, I had simply ordered him to keep the elephant steady, he would to a dead certainty have given *me* a problem to solve; he would most probably have said, "If the elephant *wont* remain steady what can *I* do?" Then I should have had to shut him up either with a harder crack on the nut, or given him a harder nut to crack himself by saying, "How does Tookrah manage to keep him steady?" He would have had to ruminate over this for some time, and conclude by saying to himself thus—"Well, if Tookrah keeps the elephant steady I should do so too, and what is more I *must* do so,—or the Saheb will lick me as sure as fate."

I ordered the beaters to shout their loudest as soon as they should commence driving through the grass, but they entered it without a single halloo! The patch of grass was about forty yards long (north and south) and about thirty wide (east and west). I was to the west of it. "*Halla karo*, you *Budzats*!" said I, shouting to the *mahouts*. What I said means "make a row or halloo aloud, you rascals!" One of them then gave vent to a faint "Hoo law" and then up jumped the tiger and went at them with loud roars. The line broke and the elephants got into a confused mob tumbling up against each other, trumpeting and squeaking aloud in their panic. The fools of *mahouts* then yelled at the tiger in affright, and would have bolted with their elephants from the jungle if they had only known how or where to go to, and in the confusion one of the elephants got clawed in the trunk by the tiger. The elephant (more plucky than the *mahout*) flung the tiger off, and then the beast came at me with terrific roars. I fired a shot at him while he was rushing along towards

me through the grass and hit him hard. He then turned to the north-west and got into the reeds on my left before the smoke of my last shot had cleared away. There I again saw him as he was staggering through them and I again fired at him and he fell, but in falling he turned and tried to drag himself towards me, but he could only get along a yard or two, and then he lay in a little hollow between two tufts of reeds. Here he made strenuous efforts to get up, but could not. I knew he was done for, but that he, nevertheless, bore me malice, and that if he could only get within reach of me wouldn't he give it me! I could not see him; and as he lay writhing and struggling in the hollow I went round to a place where I should be able to see him better, and then getting a view of his body from the hind quarters up to the shoulder, I aimed at the part just behind the shoulder and fired a last shot that at once put him out of his pain and settled all scores! He measured 9 feet 4 inches.

The above narrative of to-day's sport is somewhat abridged, as I have omitted several of the tiger's charges at me wherein I had missed him several shots. In my notes of the day's events I find it stated thus:—

"14th March 1865.—A tiger nine feet four inches. He charged gallantly several times. Though I bagged him at last I shot badly to-day, missed him frequently. He was, however, very quick in his movements and gave me snap shots only. Still I am not satisfied, I should have hit him oftener in his charges, off 'Sher Bahadoor.'"

But bless your soul! how could you have shot better when that fellow Cyclops would not keep the elephant steady till you had given him some rather hard cracks on the head? That's true enough. I did not think of it when I penned those ere notes. All I was thinking of at the time was this: "If I miss a tiger so frequently when he charges I'll come to grief some day!" And the thought made me feel very dissatisfied with myself; it kept constantly recurring to my mind, and I said to myself "a griff could hardly have done worse; and I began to lose confidence in my shooting; this was after I had returned to camp and was communing with myself on the events of the day. I had forgotten all about that stupid Cyclops! As I said before I began to lose confidence in the boasted correctness of my aim and fancied there was something wrong with me, not in my nerves, for they had remained

unshaken—perhaps my health was not good, and I tried to call to mind if I had had a headache at all. But no! as far as I was aware of the fact I was “all right,” and there I was puzzling myself to find out how it was that I who could almost hit a tiger with my eyes shut, (I had had such practice in shooting), how it was, I say, that I should have missed that beast so frequently! And it was not till the day after that seeing Cyclops seated on the neck of my own elephant “Sher Afgan” as I was going to get into the *howdah*, I was reminded that *he*, Cyclops, was not “the right man in the right place,” and then it came on me “all of a heap” as it were, that my bad shooting was owing to that fellow not keeping the elephant steady.

“Hullo!” said I on seeing Cyclops. “What’s become of Tookrah?”

“He told me to drive the elephant to-day,” said Cyclops.

“You forget the cracks on the head I gave you yesterday,” I retorted. “Come, come! out of that you black-guard, I am not going to have my elephant and my shooting spoilt by you. What’s the matter with Tookrah that he cannot come?”

Somebody answered and said—“He is suffering from a boil.”

“Tut tut! nonsense!” said I—“tell him to bundle up sharp.” I found he was malingering. He had only a pimple or two. The fact was that the fellow had feathered his nest pretty well from the high pay and *bakhshis* he was getting from me, and he was just thinking of feigning illness to get leave and go home, and wanted to see if I would approve of Cyclops as his substitute, but he did not know that I was up to his larks and was not going to be humbugged. So master Tookrah was obliged to give up shamming, and mount to his place on “Sher Afgan’s” neck.

(To be continued.)



## HANGUL\* SHOOTING.

By '45.

SHOULD the following contribution chance to be perused by any one who has been so fortunate as to have enjoyed the run of a Highland deer-forest, he may perhaps contend that stag-shooting in Cashmere is inferior sport to deer-stalking in Scotland. But he must take into consideration that a forest in the Himalayas is very different from a forest in the Grampians. The former is a forest in every sense of the word, where the deer are at all seasons liable to be disturbed, and in the depths of which they are often very difficult to find. Whereas it is well known that the latter is, as a rule, now-a-days merely one in name—so far as trees are concerned—where the denizens, from being *tended*, so to speak, for the greater part of the year, like domestic cattle are much more numerous, and during the short season they are hunted, just as crafty as there confrères of Cashmere.

But to the keen sportsman and the lover of Nature, the pursuit of the Cashmere stag in wilds where its protection from constant danger depends entirely upon its own instinct; the freedom of the life; the grand and varied character of the mountains; the perfection of climate; the superiority of the trophies; and last but not least the fact of there being no "march" beyond which the stalker cannot follow his quarry, are all charms which amply compensate him for want of numbers, and make hangul-shooting the poetry of Himalayan sport.

Far be it from me, however, even to hint that Highland deer-stalking is anything but right royal sport. Indeed, the wary highland stag, from the open nature of the ground he usually frequents, requires more skill in stalking than does the Cashmere hangul.

"Out of evil cometh good" is a trite saying which was very applicable to my case when in the autumn of 186—, after a severe bout of illness, our regimental Esculapius succeeded in persuading the ruling authorities that my return from the hills to the sunny plains of the Punjab before November would be unadvisable, thus affording me

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\* Cashmere Stag.

an opportunity of hunting the Cashmere stag at the best season for finding him—the month of October.

Again I can quite imagine the Highland deer-stalker exclaiming, what a poacher! But he perhaps may not be so severe on me when I tell him that I once hunted indefatigably after hangul from about the middle of August until towards the end of September, over what was considered to be excellent ground, without so much as seeing an animal carrying horns even in velvet, and the rain and mists at that season were very detrimental to sport. A circumstance over which I had no control, the termination of my leave, obliged me then to quit Cashmere just as the deer were beginning to rut, which is the best, indeed I may say the only time at which there is any certainty of finding stags, except when the winter snow drives them down almost into the valleys. During the rutting season they betray their whereabouts in the dense tracts of forest they then affect, by their intermittent roarings; strangely wild sounds which, when once heard echoing through those grand pine woods, continue to haunt the ear for many a day. Then, too, their gallantry in escorting the hinds out on to the open green slopes and glades where they are wont to feed morning and evening, as well as their inclination at that season for a roll in some slushy pool well known to the hunter, often costs them their lives. Moreover the weather and climate there in October is quite perfection.

Although convalescent I was forced, from inability to make proper use of my legs, to submit to the indignity, as I then considered it, of being carried for the greater part of the short hill journey from Murree to Cashmere. My tottering steps were therefore at first turned towards that lonely spot Lolab at the western end of the Cashmere vale, there to recruit strength before undertaking mountain work, by quietly looking up Bruin amongst the plum trees which were at that season loaded with ripe fruit.

The beginning of September found my little tents, and also those of a companion who had joined me at the Cashmerian metropolis, pitched in a grove of splendid old walnut trees close to the picturesque hamlet of Sogam. It would be difficult to find a more pleasant locality for an invalid traveller to rest in than amidst the pastoral scenery of the lovely little valley of Lolab. There was a calm dreamy repose about its broad green glades, its clear purling brooks, its shady groves of grand old trees, and its

gently sloping woodlands of pine that could not fail to act as a soothing charm for restoring health and strength.

A garrulous old fossil of a villager volunteered to show Bruin's favorite feeding grounds in the vicinity. The evening we—I mean the fossil and myself, for my companion did not shoot—first paid them a visit, my rifle was loaded with hardened .45 bullets filled with detonating powder. I mention this trivial circumstance because the mistake made in using in a small bore-rifle such uncertain jimcracks against large animals will, I think, be shewn. Not however in any sensational account (I may mention this at once lest such might be anticipated) of an encounter with a savage wild beast.

An opportunity for testing the powers of these missiles soon presented itself in the shape of a big black bear into whose hairy carcase I planted one of them as he shuffled past amongst the bushes. His behaviour on being fired at was not such as is customary with Bruin on being hurt, for he went off without deigning to make the slightest reply to the shot. There was no doubt, however, about his being hit and sorely too, for he was broadside on and certainly not more than 25 yards distant. As we could find no blood on his trail and my old guide said we were certain to see other bears, our stroll amongst the plum trees was continued. Some distance farther on we came upon what must have been a party of two if not more, judging from the way we heard the fruit branches being broken. An occasional glimpse showed them to be black bears, but from the denseness of the thicket they were in, none of them offered a fair chance for a satisfactory experiment with the shell before they got wind of us. Another was also heard moving among the bushes close by us on our way back to the tents just before night-fall, probably a brown one, for brown bears, from not being such good climbers as black ones, are generally found feeding on fallen fruit or what they can reach from the ground.

Next evening, on visiting the same locality, nothing was met with until dusk. We were skirting along a tangled thicket on our return to camp when we became aware, from the sounds which issued from it, that a bear was taking his supper there. Owing to the uncertain light and the thickness of the underwood, from nowhere could we catch a sight of the brute. We therefore concealed ourselves among the bushes in a dark corner of the thicket with the intention

of there patiently watching in the hope that the bear might move out on to open ground if he chanced to shift his quarters. By this plan, too, I thought we should be better able to see him against the light outside. The success of our stratagem seemed doubtful, but we could lose nothing by giving it a trial.

For some time the sounds of cracking branches and rustling leaves were continued at intervals as each moment the waning light became fainter until at length I could scarcely discern the sights on the rifle. The fossil, not seeming to care much about the prospect of such close proximity to Bruin in the dark, was just suggesting the propriety of a stealthy retreat when we detected the object of his solicitude shambling towards us along the outskirts of the thicket. In the dusky gloaming the huge brute loomed even larger than he really was when he suddenly pulled up within some fifteen yards of us, as if to listen, thereby adding considerably to the disquietude of the crouching fossil who, in smothered whispers, began saying his prayers, interlarding them with ejaculatory suggestions to me to shoot. The brute was so close that he could hardly be missed dark as it was. On receiving the shot he fell flat in his tracks, gave two or three convulsive sobs and expired. The satisfaction of the fossil was very great as he now proceeded to relieve his pent-up feelings by calling the defunct animal every shocking bad name he could think of in a manner that was highly entertaining, a practice common with darkee on such occasions.

We left the bear—a very large brown one—as he lay until next morning when my companion, who was a medico, made a post mortem of the carcase with a view to ascertaining the effect of the shell. The results shewn were, in this instance, so horribly satisfactory as to give me a misplaced confidence in the infallibility of its destructive powers.

The accidental discovery of the bear I had first shot at was the only incident worth mentioning that occurred during the remainder of our sojourn in Lotab. When on one evening for a quiet stroll my olfactory organ was suddenly assailed by a most abominable stench which seemed to be wafted from the direction of the locality where I had wounded the black bear. It was too late to trace its origin that evening, but thinking it might very probably have arisen from the putrid carcase of the bear, my com-

panion the medico and I took our walk next morning in that direction with the intention of prosecuting the search. On reaching the place not the slightest taint of the odour could we detect. Either the night air had dispelled it or the wind had changed. However, on the chance of again picking up the scent, we proceeded to make a cast by crossing over a low wooded spur, towards the other side of which the bear's trail had led after I had shot at him. Still not a vestige of either Bruin or his scent could we find; so we turned our steps campwards.

Scarcely had we gone a furlong when the medico, who was leading, suddenly pulled up. "There it is and no mistake!" cried he as we both freely indulged an inclination to expectorate which is common to most people on inhaling a foul effluvia. The Bruin it certainly was, so we at once harked back. Away we went scrambling through the thick covert as we followed up the hot scent, sometimes catching a stronger, sometimes a fainter whiff as we quartered the ground. At length the scent became so burning that we could easily hold it by simply crossing and re-crossing the wind, until finally we ran straight in upon the object of our search. There was my bear lying on the broad of his back, stark and stiff, and not much more than 200 yards from where I had shot at him. But he was in such an advanced stage of decomposition that we were obliged to leave him, with merely the satisfaction of knowing that the shell had proved fatal.

Before parting with the old fossil, I discovered during our nightly palavers at the camp-fire, that he was the father of my old acquaintance Kazima who had carried one of my loads when Markhor hunting on the Pir Punjab, and who was now in the service of some sportsman as *shikari*. The fond parent never tired of proudly describing his son as being, in his opinion, as mighty a hunter as he was a fine looking fellow. But to return to my original subject from which I have made such a lengthy digression.

The time when the stags commence their roarings—the *arwaz ke wakt*, as the Cashmerees call it—was now at hand; yet, notwithstanding my sanguine anticipations of sport, it was with a pang of regret that I bade adieu to beautiful Lolab where time had passed so pleasantly and also to my fellow-traveller whose cheerful companionship had added so much to the enjoyment of my sojourn there.

At the capital I found my old friend Ramzan awaiting my arrival. He looked more snuffy than ever, but was otherwise little altered by an increase of some nine years to his age. He proposed that we should try the forests lying between the village of Noubog and the Wurdwan Hills, although the general idea at that time was that stags had become very scarce there. This, however, turned out to be one of the popular fallacies respecting the great and rapid decrease of all Himalayan large game, that are not uncommon even at the present time. When I say *Himalayan* game, I do not include the deer in many of the easily accessible parts of the Terai, and in the Dehra Doon forests where, from the indiscriminate slaughter of milk hinds and calves which are yearly butchered from *howdahs* by those who consider it *sport*, the decrease of game is a sad truth. The real fact, in this case, was that in the Noubog forests, owing to the late grazing of the sheep there, the stags did not descend from their summer haunts on the higher mountains so early as they did in many other places, in fact not before the time of year when the majority of sportsmen were, in those days, obliged to quit Cashmere. I therefore abided by the old man's decision and had no reason ever to repent having done so.

The Cashmere stag or "hangul," as he is named in his own country, requires but little description even to those who have never seen him, for he is simply an exaggerated red deer stag. His weight is, I should say at a rough guess, quite 30 stone clean, if not more. Like the ibex and other large game of the higher Himalayas, he is provided during winter with an undercoat of very soft pile known as *pushum*. I have seen a set of antlers with seventeen well-defined points, but the usual number on a fully developed pair is ten or twelve, the horns with ten being usually the most massive. The three upper tines of the royals are not set so closely together at their base, or "cupped," as it is commonly termed, as those of red-deer. The hind is called *minnyeemer* by the Cashmerees, the word *moose* being applied by them to these deer collectively. This animal is customarily talked of as the *barra singha* (twelve-horned) which designation, as also *barra singha* (large-horned) is given promiscuously by Europeans as well as natives to every variety of large deer in India, but never when spoken of amongst themselves, only when describing them to foreigners. From this I conclude that the misno-

mer was originally coined by those who were unacquainted with the true local appellation and theme adopted by *shikaris* and others for the larger kinds of Indian deer in general, though for none in particular. But we will now proceed to the resort of this splendid animal where I hope we may become better acquainted with him.

Our head quarters were at first established near the village of Nouboog. It was rather early for this ground, very few stags having as yet found their way down from the higher ranges. For the lower woods were then full of tormenting flies and mosquitoes and the shepherds still continued to occupy many of the open pasturages above the forests. Other sportsmen too were at present in possession of the best shooting localities farther up the Nouboog "nye" (glen). The distant bellow of a stag was occasionally heard towards evening on some neighbouring hill. But on reaching where we hoped to find the animal that had spoken, his voice would sometimes again be heard where he had wandered far away to some other part of the dark forest. On such occasions Ramzan invariably gave vent to his disappointment by applying abusive epithets to the innocent animal and his relatives, and expectorating towards him.

A certain amount of *shikar* was however afforded by "tapping" for flying-squirrels which usually have their domiciles high up in hollow old pine trunks. The plan adopted was to scrape or tap with the end of an alpenstock at the bottom of any tree stem in which there happened to be a hole aloft. The inmate, if there chanced to be one, generally answered this summons by poking out his head, when a charge of shot had in most cases the effect of making him kick himself out of the hole and bringing him to the ground. There were two varieties brown and gray. Their fur is said to be of some value, especially the brown, which is very rich and beautiful in colour.

One of the shooting grounds farther up the "nye" was soon vacated by its occupant, so we left our depôt of supplies at Nouboog and at once took his place, for we learnt that he had been but a short time there and had not much disturbed the deer.

Our first ramble in the forest was made more with the idea of reconnoitring the ground than of shooting. Although no deer were seen it was satisfactory to find that their tracks were both numerous and fresh. Next morn-

ing, after a long and tiresome ascent, we found the open grassy hill-top, where we expected to see deer, covered with sheep. Twice however I let off my rifle, once at a muck deer which was very cleanly missed, and again, as we were descending in the evening, when I took a pot shot at a splendid-horned Argus pheasant, (here called *Rangraol*) which flew away minus a bunch of its beautiful plumage.

In order to avoid the delay entailed by the long climb each morning before reaching our ground, arrangements were made for sleeping out for a few nights on the hill, and that evening we found a snug resting place under shelter of a big pine tree in a deep sequestered gorge. The "roaring" of stags was now pretty often heard, but generally in the thickest parts of the forest where it was almost impossible to get even a glimpse of the animals. Nothing was seen except two brown bears which were left unmolested from fear of disturbing the deer—until the third day.

It was our intention to return on the evening of that day to the tents, with a view to again changing our ground. In the afternoon, on our way down, we found ourselves on a broad and gently sloping spur, one side of which was a steep fern-covered glade, the other a dense pine wood. Here we found the tracks as fresh as they were plentiful, and the beds in the long grass and "brackens" looked as though the deer had just risen from them. As we had heard a stag roaring far down in the neighbouring forest earlier in the day, we determined to watch the glade from amongst the long "brackens" on the outskirts of the wood in hopes of his taking an airing there in the evening.

The big black pines were casting their long pointed shadows over the glade as the sun sank slowly slowly behind them. Still we sat there keeping vigilant watch and intently listening for the note of a stag. At last comes the wild and welcome music floating faintly up through the forest. Louder and more harsh grows each repetition of the strain as it draws nearer and nearer until there is no longer a doubt of its being the animal's intention to visit the glade. Presently a hind comes tripping warily from the wood. She is almost immediately followed by another, and at length out stalks a mighty stag wearing a splendid crown of antlers. The hinds soon begin listlessly cropping the grass. They are jealously waited upon by their lord who with swelling throat and bristling neck continues to bellow forth at intervals his discordant love-song, his



appetite apparently being much affected by his amours. Although comparatively close, he is much too far from our present position to risk a shot at him. How my heart throbs between hope of a chance and fear lest I shall lose it, as we worm ourselves through the brackens towards the wood, and on gaining it creep stealthily on amongst the bushes towards our noble quarry. There are some who may say that an old sportsman should never get excited. To put it plainly, this is what is vulgarly called "gammon," or more politely, contrary to human nature. When the pulses cease to quicken at the prospect of securing a grand beast, slaying him in cold blood can no longer be called sport. The keener the sportsman, the more intense his excitement, although experience may have taught him to keep it under control. But this is no place for moralizing.

(To be continued.)

## CRUMBS FROM A SHIKAR'S TABLE.

BY GIM CRACK.

ARRIVED in camp the first thing to do was to send the buffalo's head and a few pieces of venison to town. This finished, we enjoyed the luxury of a bath, and were preparing for a hearty feed when a hubbub of voices outside the tent announced the return of the *shikaris*. Dinner over, we assembled as usual in solemn conclave round the irrepressible tankard of claret 'emelled,' which had become an established institution with us, and discussed the prospects of the morrow. Although there had been no fresh 'kills' reported within the last two or three days, the villagers having taken the precaution of driving their cows to more open pasture grounds, the *shikaris* assured us that, if we beat the jungle to the north-east of our encampment, we might succeed in coming across a tiger or two, quietly napping under the shade of some umbrageous trees which they had marked out for the purpose. This was satisfactory, and elephants were accordingly ordered to be ready after breakfast, so that we may have the entire day to ourselves. We retired to bed in high spirits, perfectly confident of

rendering a safe account of Master Stripes if good fortune should throw him in our way. My rest was disturbed by dreams, the principal feature of which was that a tiger of abnormal proportions was continually dogging my steps attempting to swallow me bodily, rifles and all. Next morning was passed in roving about the outskirts of the forest for any chance shot at jungly fowl or partridges of which there was an abundance. On returning, fancy our delight in seeing among us the well-known 'phiz' of our good friend the late C. M.—y reputed to be one of the most daring sportsmen in India, and decidedly a first-rate shot. He was then the Sub.-Judge of Sylhet, and was on his way to Kooshtea on privilege leave when, learning of our presence in the neighbourhood, he stopped to give us a hail. There was a real acquisition to our party, and I need scarcely add that very little persuasion was needed to induce him to make one of us. While seated at the breakfast table I observed two or three of our camp-followers closely scrutinizing something on the ground right on the edge of the river. One of them returned at once and told us that the 'pugs' of a tiger could be plainly distinguished on the banks where he had gone to drink water the previous night. We assembled on the spot and had ocular demonstration of the fact. That the imprints on the sand were those of a monster specimen of the feline tribe, no one who had the use of his eyes could for a moment doubt. But the thing was how to get at him. It was evident he could not be far off, but the difficulty was how to take the elephants into the thick cane I have already spoken of. We dismissed the idea and hit upon another plan of operations. This was to tie securely a calf close to our sleeping tent and await the nocturnal visitor. We sent off a man forthwith to the village to procure a calf, and postponed the intended trip to the jungles for the day. The fellow returned with the information that the villagers were resolved to a man not to part with a calf or a cow for any consideration whatever, knowing well what it was intended for. The religious scruples of the Hindus would not permit them to expose the sanctified hide of a cow to the claws of a tiger, and the Mohammedans were bullied by them into following suit. But perseverance, says the old adage, overcomes all difficulties. The only course left us was to make a personal application which was likely to meet with success. We

therefore went to the village *en masse*, and after a world of palaver, the effects of it being enhanced by the presence of a *kakim* (my brother among us we managed to procure a calf in the last stage of physical prostration and of the mind too, if by a stretch of the wildest imagination one of the bovine tribe could be accredited with the possession of it) on condition that if the tiger merely touched it we would be mulcted in a penalty of 25 rupees, but if it was returned on a whole skin, the next morning we would have to pay the trifling sum of five rupees for its use for the night; the acute owner all the while flattering himself into the belief that a few hours' exposure to the cold would effect the consummation he so devoutly wished. The contract being duly and in form signed, sealed and delivered (verbally), we took possession of our hard bargain and returned to camp in triumph to set about devising a plan for luring Master Stripes into our clutches. It was soon settled to tie the calf immediately after dark in front of the tent, at the same time that every one belonging to our establishment was to retire to rest with as little noise as possible. Early dinner having been served and despatched without further ceremony we prepared for the night's work. It was simultaneously agreed that Mr. M.—y and myself were to keep awake and try issues with the king of the forest. Placing our beds alongside of each other right across the only entrance to the tent, we lay down quietly with a rifle on either side of us, keeping the calf in full view. The moon was in her second quarter, but in the clear atmosphere even the smallest object for some distance before us was plainly discernible. All around became still and hushed; nothing breaking the silence of the evening save the barking of the village dogs and the deep heavy snoring of the occupants of the tent. It was about 9 P. M., when a rustling in the adjacent jungle sent my heart leaping to my throat. I could scarcely realize the sight before me. Every thing appeared like a dream, but the distinct form of a tiger within fifty yards of where I was lying. I gently touched my friend, but he was awake and on the *qui vive*. Before advancing further from his safe retreat the beast looked about as if to make sure that the field before him was clear of all danger. His attention was directed to a brick-kiln on the other side of the river, or I should say rather a big *khal* at this season of the

year. It was indeed a weird sight. With one paw raised above the ground and the head turned towards the kiln, the glimmering light from which would at times burn brightly and at others flicker faintly, it was a picture scarcely to be forgotten. Just at this moment the loud talking of some boatmen who were passing that way disturbed him in his serene, and he slunk back to the jungle. It was full three hours or more, and the moon was just about setting that he emerged once more on the plain and crept stealthily towards the calf. The miserable beast retreated to the extreme length of its tether, and then stood perfectly motionless petrified by fear. I wedged my companion who told me in a scarcely audible whisper that, as his eye-sight was deceptive in uncertain light, I should fire first, and he would follow it up. Acting on his suggestion, in that crouching attitude I had maintained ever since the tiger's first appearance, I raised Dare Devil to my shoulder. The little bit of white cotton I had stuck on to the sight with a little bee's wax was plainly visible. By this time the brute had approached to within twenty yards of the calf, when, taking a deliberate aim a little behind his left shoulder midway between the belly and the spine, I pulled the trigger. Simultaneously with the crack of the rifle, there was a mighty roar. The wounded animal sprang into the air, regained his feet and in a couple bounds was once more in the jungle. All the sleepers awoke, and, in less time than it takes me to write, intuitively ran to the opposite side of the tent, upsetting chairs, tables, shades, and committing sundry other mischiefs in their headlong rush to a place of safety as they thought in their simple innocence—sound sleep having deprived them of all self-control. Long and loud was the laugh my friend and I had at their expense. Chaff followed chaff till they were heartily ashamed of themselves. We then related our adventure, and after making every thing snug were soon fast in the arms of Somnus. With next morning the search for the wounded animal commenced. His track to the jungle was all along marked with blood, which left no doubt that he was badly wounded, but as it was utterly impossible to make our way into the thick cane, even with the help of elephants, we were compelled, however reluctantly, to give up the search. Two or three days after a fearful stench emitted from the jungle. It could have been from nothing else, but the carcase of the tiger undergoing de-

composition. It was a great pity, indeed, that we were balked of our prey, but as there was no use of crying over spilt milk, we made the best of a bad bargain and moved on camp to the interior in hopes of meeting with better fortune here.

## A COUPLE OF HOURS PIG-STICKING IN NORTH TIRHOOT.

BY REINDEER.

SEEING in one of the late numbers of the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* that you would like to have some accounts of pig-sticking, I am led to send the following, and if you think it worth giving it a space in the Magazine, you are welcome to it.

At 7 o'clock, on the morning of the 12th, I received a letter marked "urgent" and on opening it found it was from my friend MacL. a keen sportsman and sure spear. He wrote as follows:—"Come over sharp, I shall expect you by 10 o'clock, and we can go out in the afternoon and have a turn at the pigs. As this is the day of the Festival on which the niggers go out hunting, so we may be sure of a run." Soon after the receipt of this letter D turned up, and we both started off, breakfasted at D's place, S—pore, and went on to MacL's arriving there at 2 o'clock regularly knocked up with the great heat; however a smoke, a drink of some thing and the punkah soon brought us into form again and we sat talking till four when it being cool enough we started for the grounds. On arrival we found a lot of beaters had got together and were told by them that a big pig was in a bit of thorny "jungle" which ran along on the top of an embankment of a dry tank, and they had seen him go in there a short time before we arrived. So we set to work to have the place beaten, a couple of village dogs helping the coolies. Before long the dogs had found something, and one or two short grunts told us that it was a pig, who very soon after came rushing out and charged amongst the coolies on the outside but did not succeed in touching any of them. He kept along with the embankment and put the pace on; B got well away with him followed by MacL. closely; behind whom

came D. Suddenly the boar changed his course and slipped through a break he found in the embankment. B overshot the place and went straight on, but MacL's fine old horse, "The Gurrah," a regular old hand at the game, was round like a top and through the same opening and following the boar like a dog. The country the pig now took was over *dhan*-fields as hard as iron and intersected all over with small drains where he began to make the pace a regular cracker but was fast being overhauled by MacL., who ranged alongside and was at once charged by the boar when he neatly dropped his spear into him. B came up now and got second hitting him full on the head and rolling him over. He was up again in a twinkling and charged D who gave him a good spear. B soon after got another; by this time the old chap was nearly played out and MacL. polished him off. He fought pluckily to the last and was a very good pig of 36 with capital tushes. We got off to give ourselves and nags a breath for a short time, and then went on again intending to beat a large jungle about a mile off. We had not gone much of the way when we heard a tremendous cry of "Soor, Soor" some way behind us so; galloped back and found the coolies running towards the jungle we had got the first pig from. We went on and at last saw a boar going straight away and taking pretty much the same line of country as the first one had; so we put on steam, and B took up the running and soon came up with the pig who after a couple of "jinks" charged him, and he took first spear which was soon followed by another charge and second spear. MacL. rapidly followed with the third, and D gave him the fourth which finished him off. This one measured 32 and was a rare one at his charges. We now made for the jungle we had first intended to go to, but as it was getting fast towards sun-set, we found our coolies had grown beautifully less and the few that remained with us seemed to take no further interest in the beating, but went through the jungle in a careless way, many of them getting out of our sight and quietly sitting down. After trying our best to get them to beat, we gave it up and made for the factory, having been out altogether a couple of hours in which short time we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

MacL. gives a pig-sticking party in about a fortnight's time. If we have any sport, and you would care to hear about it, I shall be most happy to write you about it.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### HORNS OF THE SO-CALLED RAVINE DEER, OR INDIAN GAZELLE, AND THE INDIAN ANTELOPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I presume your Correspondent, AFIM, by the term "Ravine Deer,"\* really means the Indian Gazelle, (*Gazella Bennettii*, Sykes), and I may therefore inform him that, fully developed horns of this animal vary from one foot to fourteen inches, but some larger ones have been found. In one of the early Nos. of this goodly Magazine, mention is made of a pair of horns belonging to a male, noticed in the *Delhi Gazette* of February 23, 1867, as being fourteen and a half inches long. Of course the pair of horns referred to by Jerdon as having a length of eighteen inches, must be, as he himself admits, a mistake, or to really belong to some other species.

The horns of the Indian Antelope (*Antelope Cervicapra*, Pallas,) commonly called the Black Buck, are of course considerably longer, and full-sized ones are from eighteen to twenty-six inches long, but those of Southern India, according to Elliot are smaller, "seldom exceeding nineteen to twenty inches in length." As to the extreme size of such horns, reference will be found in the *Oriental Sporting Magazine*, New Series, Vol. II, page 643, in a paper contributed by Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. C. He says that, "Captain Garstin (A. C. Kumaon) killed a "pair of thirty inches at Ferozepore, but they were measured "by the twist, which would make a difference of three inches." Jerdon says in the *Mammals of India*, 1874, p. 276 ; "I heard

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\* Alas, Mr. Editor, it appears to be well nigh vain to induce such of your readers as are not at all proficient in Natural History, to do me the favor of perusing my articles on Wrong Names, and thereby benefiting themselves, in some measure at least. Having carefully shown the broad differences between Deer and Antelope, (the Indian Gazelle belongs to the sub-family *Antilopinae*), in your last No., no one ought to confound the two again, but here is an instance to the contrary. I hope your correspondent will be induced not to repeat his offence.—Y. N.

"of one pair from the Deccan that were said to be close upon "thirty inches," but judiciously adds in a foot-note :—" This much requires confirmation."

KHULNA, (JESSOR),  
May 17, 1877. }

Yours, etc.,  
YOUNG NIMROD.

P. S.—It will, no doubt, oblige your correspondent to have this note inserted in your next issue.

### A CURIOUS INCIDENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I should like to know if you have ever heard of a similar case to the following :—I fired at a stag sambur going through long grass, so that I did not know at what part of the body I aimed. He turned and went slowly up a very steep hill parallel with me. When he got opposite I fired a second shot, and the next moment he fell backwards, coming down the hill in back-somersault, till brought up by a tree. On going up to him, I found the first bullet, a 10-bore, had severed the spine just above the loins striking it fairly in the middle. The second one was behind the shoulder, where I had aimed. Now previous to this I had always thought that an animal was helpless after a bullet through the spine. A gentleman with me was as much astonished as I was, and we voted the sambur the longest beast we had ever come across. I cannot understand how he could go up a *steep hill* with a broken spine. Have any of your readers met with anything like it ?

Yours faithfully,  
MOOKILA.

[We have never heard of such an incident before; probably the actual severance did not take place when the shot struck, or more likely the last shot was the one which touched the spine as no animal can move if the spine is injured.—Ed.]

### THE BEST KIND OF RIFLE FOR GENERAL SHOOTING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—I shall be obliged if you or some of your readers will advise me as to what is the best kind of rifle to get for



general shooting, the case being that of a man who can only afford to get one rifle at present.

Yours faithfully

TRIGGER.

[We should say a '450 double-barrelled express, but perhaps some of our well-known contributors, who have had great and recent experience, will favor us with a few lines stating their opinions. We know of an instance that occurred a few months ago of a '450 express single bullet killing even a rhinoceros; it struck the beast in the neck.—Ed.]

## ETON AND HARROW CRICKET MATCHES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Please say in your next when the first Cricket Match was played between Eton and Harrow. A friend says it was within the last 40 years, but I have an idea it was much earlier than that.

Yours faithfully,

BAILS.

[The first match of which we can find any record took place in 1805.—Ed.]

## BARRACKPORE RACES—1877-78.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORIENTAL SPORTING MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—The following days have been fixed for the above Races :—Thursday and Saturday the 15th and 17th November 1877.

Prospectus will appear shortly.

F. GRAHAM, MAJOR,

*Honorary Secretary.*

## MISCELLANEOUS.

FALCONRY AS PURSUED IN THE TIME OF THE  
EMPEROR AKBAR.

BY YOUNG NIMROD.

FALCONRY is, it may be premised, of oriental origin, and is supposed to have been introduced into Europe during the Roman domination. It gradually took root there, and flourished during the middle ages, but it is now, one can fairly say, extinct in the West. In the East, however, the land of its birth, it still preserves a languid existence.

This right royal sport is termed by the author of the *Ain-i-Akbari* as "Hunting with Hawks," and among the several species of these birds enumerated by him, I am able to identify the following ten kinds, and will supply their vulgar English names and scientific designations, with such remarks as are called for :—

1. *Báz*, the Goshawk, (*Astur Palumbarius*, Linnaeus,) is even now commonly trained to hunt various sorts of water-fowls, and principally hares. It strikes the last-mentioned quarry with one leg, whilst with the other it clutches hold of grass or any other obstacle in its way, to impede the progress of the stricken game.

2. *Báshah*, the English Sparrow-Hawk, (*Accipiter Nisus*, Linnaeus,) is greatly valued, and when well trained, it will readily seize quails, partridges, plovers, rack pigeons, etc. We are told that, "His Majesty"—the Emperor Akbar—"prefers the *Báshah*, to which class of hawks he gives various names."

3. *Sháhin*, or "the Royal Bird," the Sháhin Falcon, (*Falco Peregrinator*, Sundavall,) is chiefly trained to chase partridges, jungle fowls, floricans, etc., and is still in much demand in Hyderabad, according to Jerdon, where the noble pastime of Falconry is still pursued to some extent.

4. *Bahri*, the Peregrine Falcon, (*Falco Peregrinus*, Gmelin,) is rarely trained now-a-days. It is chiefly employed, when trained, to catch egrets, herons, and cranes.

5. *Shikarah*, the Sikra, (*Micronisus Badius*, Gmelin,) is at present in great request for training, and more so even than in the olden times. It usually strikes quails, partridges, etc.

6. *Turmatis*, the Red-headed Merlin, (*Hypotriarchus Chiquera*, Daud,) is seldom trained now. It hunts quails and partridges.

7. *Besrah* and *Dhoti*, the female and male of the Besra Sparrow-Hawk, (*Accipiter Virgatus*, Temminck,) is said to be a bird rather difficult to train: it is much prized when properly trained, and catches quails, partridges, and even snipe.

8. *Chargh* and *Chargilah*, the female and male of the Saker Falcon, (*Falco Sacer*, Schlegel,) is trained to chase kites, cranes, hares, etc.; and Hodgson says that, according to the testimony of Native Falconers, it was in former times trained to strike even antelopes.

9. *Lagar* and *Jhagar*, the Jugger Falcon, (*Falco Jugger*, Gray,) is still trained to some extent, and hunts grets, crows, partridges, etc.

10. *Shungār*, the Red Cap Falcon, (*Falco Babylonicus*, Gray,) in the Punjab is trained to catch small birds, but Jerdon says, (as quoted by Mr. Hume in his *Scrap Book*, 1869, p. 84,) he "found it a very inferior bird for hawking, to *F. Peregrinator*."

The *Molchin* is described by Abul Fazl as "an animal resembling the sparrow, of yellowish plumage," and "people say that, whilst flying, it will brake the wing of the *Kulang*," i. e., the common crane, (*Grus Cinerea*, Bechstein). This description would lead us to suppose that, it was the Sparrow Hawk, but as that has already been mentioned as the *Báz*, it must be some other bird.

Besides the Falcons and Hawks, it is said that, "many other birds can be trained for the chase, though I cannot specify all." The author then names, among others, the crow and the sparrow. It must have been a difficult task to train so untractable a bird as the former, and the timidity of the latter is well known, and it must have required a deal of trouble to infuse a *quantum sufficit* of courage into it to attack other birds, though smaller than itself.

It is related that :—

"His Majesty, from motives of generosity and from a wish to add "splendour to his Court is fond of hunting with Falcons, though "superficial observers think that merely hunting is his object."

This shows that, the Emperor was not a real sportsman at heart but a shrewd, and withal crafty potentate, profoundly skilled in Machiavelism.

"In this department," we are told, "many *Maucabdars*, *Ahadis*, "and other soldiers are employed." The footmen retained were either Hindustanis or Kashmirians; and, the Chief Falconer, or "Superintendent of the Chase," was styled *Mir Shikār*, and the "Superintendent of the Aviary," *Qushbegi*.

Under the heading of "Allowance of Food," it is mentioned that :— "In Kashmir and in the aviaries of Indian amateurs, the birds are "generally fed once a day; but at the Court they are fed twice." They got an allowance of meat varying in weight from 7 *dāms* to 2 *dāms* for each in the early part of the day, and towards its close sparrows were served out to them, some getting as many as seven, and others only a brace. The *Báz* apparently got the lion's share of both kinds of food, and the *Jurrah* got the maximum allowance of sparrows with only one *dām* less meat than the other. What sort of meat was chosen to feed them with it is not specified, which is rather a pity. It is added :—"On the hunting ground they feed them on game they take."

The Emperor evidently carefully regulated the price of Falcons, and whilst a *Bāshah* cost as much as from 5 Rs. to 3 G. Ms., a *Besrah* sold for only from 2 Rs. to 1 Re., according to their excellence and quality. The highest price was fetched for the *Jurrah*, which obtained as much as from 8 G. Ms. to 5 Rs.

Of the number of Falcons kept at the Imperial Court, I find it stated that, not less than forty *Bāz* Falcons and *Shāhin* Falcons were retained, whilst the minimum number of *Jurrahs* were thirty, *Bāshahs* one hundred, *Bahris* and *Charghs*, twenty, and *Lagars* and *Shikaraks*, only ten.

"Hunting Water-fowl" will be treated of in another paper.

KHULNÁ, JESSOR,    }  
May 14, 1877.        }

## THE MONTH.

THE Racing Season at home is now in full swing. The first race that brought out three-year-olds who showed any form last year was the Biennial at the Newmarket Craven Meeting, won by an outsider named The Grey Friar, beating Silvio (who afterwards ran third for the Two Thousand and won the Derby), Chevron, Warren Hastings, and others of less note. Another unheard-of colt ran second, and the three who ran fairly last year were nowhere. Punchestown held one of its usual meetings, and is still the most popular gathering in Ireland. Then followed the Epsom Spring Meeting, at which a great crowd attended on the first day to see the race for the City and Suburban Handicap, for which 28 horses started. Touchet was the favorite for this race, and was backed for a great deal of money, though he never got to very short odds, and ran second, the easy winner being Julius Cæsar, an uncertain horse, for whom 5,000 guineas were given last year. His success discomfited the prophets. The Great Metropolitan Handicap, which, owing to the peculiar bends and direction of the course, is the prettiest race we have ever seen in any country, only drew out six starters, the winner being John Day, a persistent handicap favorite, who has at last justified the expectations of his stable. By the way, *anent* Julius Cæsar and the City and Suburban, a successful piece of rascality was perpetrated, and some book-makers who thought they were getting the best of the backers were deservedly taken in by it. A forged telegram, purporting to be from the owner of the horse, scratching Julius Cæsar, was received by Messrs. Weatherby & Co. and when made known at Tattersall's, some friends of book-makers elsewhere telegraphed it to them immediately. Thinking they would take advantage of the ignorance of the general public that the horse was scratched, the book-makers set to work laying against him, and eventually laid really long odds, which the rascals who sent the telegram no doubt took more than did the general public, and reaped their ill-gotten gains. Rewards have been offered for the detection of the senders of the forged telegram.

The account of the Newmarket First Spring Meeting tells us that the second horse for the Two Thousand was "Brown Prince," whom we mentioned as one of the horses who might have been intended by the erroneous telegram awarding the second place in the race to "Crown Prince," but the list of entrances for the race given in Ruff is incomplete, as Brown Prince is not in it.

Chamant won the race very easily, though only by a length, Brown Prince having not quite as much the better of Silvio. Five other horses were close up, so the race indicated that on that day and for that distance Chamant was much better than the others, who were all much alike. The Duke of Westminster's Morier was much cried up for this race and made a great favorite at the last, though he was one of the first beaten. After the race some said he was lame at the post, but this appears doubtful. The One Thousand Guineas were won by Lord Hartington's Belphebe, who started at 20 to 1, beating Lady Ronald (33 to 1) second, and Lady Golightly, who was a great favorite at 10 to 3, third. There were only a neck and a head between the three. Lady Golightly, it will be remembered, was well in the front rank of the two-year-olds last year, and another good one, Palm Flower, also started, but ran very badly.

The telegraph announces the result of the Derby to be Silvio 1, Glen Arthur 2, Rob Roy 3. Chamant not being even placed, after his running both last year and for the Two Thousand, was as great a surprise, on first receipt of the telegram, as that about Petrarch last year, but subsequently another telegram said Chamant was amiss. We shall not of course learn the details till "the Derby Mail" comes in after the publication of this number of the *Magazine*. After the Two Thousand running there is nothing unexpected in Silvio beating anything—Chamant being amiss—except Pellegrino, Rob Roy, and Plunger, though the last was "wrong" before the Two Thousand, and probably never started for the Derby. But Pellegrino and Rob Roy both shewed very superior form to Silvio last year. The latter, however, may be a better stayer, and if so, it is good for the Cobham Stud Company, who own Silvio's sire Blair Athol, whose stock have shewn a want of staying power, though all are speedy. It seems probable that good odds were obtainable about Silvio at starting, and that Glen Arthur was a regular outsider. Glen Arthur started twice last year, for the Middle Park and Dewhurst Plates, and ran no where in each instance. Lord Falmouth's victory is a matter for rejoicing, as he is one of the very best sportsmen now on the Turf.

The Umballa Derby Lottery was indeed a monster one this year, as the following figures shew:—

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| 25,334 tickets at Rs. 10 each... | ..     | Rs. 2,53,340   |
| First Prize                      | ... .. | .. ,, 1,51,680 |
| Second Prize                     | ... .. | ... ,, 56,880  |
| Third Prize                      | ... .. | ... ,, 18,960  |
| Starters                         | ... .. | ... ,, 9,480   |

Calcutta did well in it, drawing the first and third prizes, besides several horses. The drawer of the winner was the

manager of a mercantile house in the capital. There has been a good deal of gossip in connection with the lottery, and we give two of the principal items. A holder of 15 tickets drew no less than 6 horses. The drawer of Chamant, and a clerk in an office at Simla, was the holder of a single ticket. Like a wise man (after the Petrarch and Kisber running for the Derby and St. Leger last year) he was open to an offer for his chance, and after refusing lower bids accepted what appears to us a very liberal one, viz., Rs. 30,000, made by a confederacy of gentlemen, who came forward soon after a telegram has been received stating that the betting was even on Chamant. The confederacy had the command of funds at home, (without which of course they would not have given Rs. 30,000 for Chamant's chance) and telegraphed to a friend to bet £4,000 against the horse at Tattersall's. We are afraid, however, that Chamant going amiss may have spoilt their speculation altogether, and made all the difference between their being certain winners of varying amounts according as the horse should run first, second, third, or nowhere, and of their being losers. Indeed, it has been stated in the *Pioneer* that they only recovered £1600 out of the Rs. 30,000. A letter has appeared in the *Englishman* suggesting that a lac is a sufficient sum for the first prize, and that in future when the number of tickets is anything like what it has this year, larger sums should be given to starters. We agree in this, and would go a little further, giving Rs. 1,00,000 for the first horse, Rs. 40,000 for the second, Rs. 25,000 for the third, and Rs. 100 for every horse drawn, the principle being to put into the urn the name of every horse entered for the race. This would enable about two hundred speculators to recover some of their ticket money, and the balance after deductions would then be divided among drawers of starters, who would get good sums unless the fields were very large. We have one more suggestion to make, viz., that the Secretary or Manager of the Lottery should receive 1 per cent. on the whole amount. The office is one of great responsibility and labour, and Mr. Kinchant's duties this year have been most onerous.

Placida, Belphebe, and Muscatel are telegraphed as the first three for the Oaks. The winner Placida ran well last year, winning several races, and beating four good ones in one instance, including Chamant, though he was not fit at the time. She was about the same mare as Palm Flower, taking the season's running, Lady Golightly being decidedly number one among the two-year-old mares.

We are sorry to see that Mr. Alexander carried his motion at a Jockey Club Meeting for reducing the minimum weights to be carried in a race from 5st. 7lbs. to 4st. 7lbs. He only got a

majority of one however, and notice was immediately given of a motion to reverse the vote at the next meeting of the Club. The reason assigned for this retrograde step is that there is a difficulty in getting good light weight Jockeys, and that it is therefore advisable to begin to teach them their business when they are very young. It is unnecessary to reply to this, as the subject was exhausted when 5st. 7lbs. were fixed as the minimum, and we are confident that a fuller meeting of the Club will restore that weight.

A well-known correspondent of the Calcutta dailies on Steeple-chasing Matters, who writes under the name of *PATHFINDER*, calls attention to the success in England of the Australian horse Black Boy, who has won some small steeplechases there. He was the property of the late Mr. Rowland Cockerell, and distinguished himself as a chaser on this side of India; notably, it will be remembered, at Ballygunge.

A novel feat in shooting has been performed in New York by the well-known American crack pigeon shot, Captain Bogardus, who backed himself to hit 1,000 glass balls sprung from a trap, in 100 minutes with a double-barrelled shot gun. He accomplished his task in 77 minutes 40 seconds, and missed very few shots.

Our readers will find, as an extract, an article from the *Sporting Gazette*, which we think will be found interesting as regard the powers of pedestrians of the present day compared with those of previous periods. It may be a disputed point whether it is more difficult for a pedestrian to undergo such severe exertion as O'Leary and Weston did, in the vitiated and unhealthy atmosphere of the covered places where they had to perform upon a narrow track of limited length, or in the open air where they have to take the chance of inclement weather, and rough and uneven roads with gradients of considerable steepness. The extract will shew, however, that O'Leary and Weston's performance is not altogether so unprecedented as was at first supposed. To our mind the true test of such feats would be the accomplishment of them out of doors, where the competitors would have to encounter the ordinary risks of weather and roads, such as any ordinary pedestrian tourist has to face. A man trained carefully to the highest point of condition and speed is no more a true specimen of what is the fair standard of a man's walking powers than a race-horse of the present time is the true type of the ordinary horse of the country. Captain Webb's extraordinary feat of swimming across the channel, although it is an unequalled example of personal vigour and endurance, is not likely to lead to any practical results, or to be imitated often. The true value of any feats of this kind consists in their being such as will lead to the per-



manent improvement of the physical powers of a nation, and not merely to the isolated instances, far and few between, of extraordinary feats by individuals of exceptional capabilities.

In the Public Schools Racquet Matches Eton is the winner of the Cup this year. Marlborough beat Wellington, Harrow beat Cheltenham, and Eton beat Rugby on the first day. On the next, the lots fell that Marlborough should play Harrow, and the former won. And on the third day Eton beat Marlborough.

The first Meeting of the Indian racing year has come off at Wellington, and if the time given is correct the little horse Hunter and the unlucky Lord Clifden (who is always running good seconds and dead heats) have run another great performance, the former carrying 8st. 13lbs., and beating the Lord who carried 9st. 7lbs., by "about half a length" over a mile in 1m. 43s., which is the best recorded time of the race for The Two Thousand, though that is a second longer than a mile. Another good performance, if we may rely on the time, was that of Oliver Twist in the Welter winning with 11st. 11lbs. up over  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile in 2m. 20s., and a third was Hunter's easy victory for the Neilgherry Cup carrying 9st. 6lbs. over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile in 2m. 41s.

We are glad to see Calcutta setting to work again to get up the rainy season Skye Meetings, which were so successful last year.

We hear that some gentlemen in Calcutta are about to start a St. Leger Percentage Fund for the benefit of the Race Funds of Calcutta, Ballygunge, Dum-Dum, and Barrackpore, in the proportion of 11 parts out of 20 to Calcutta, and 3 to each of the others. We hope that investors in these things will give Lower Bengal a turn on this occasion.

Our readers will notice the appearance of both the Umballa and Ballygunge Prospectuses. The former meeting will have profited greatly by the popularity of the Derby Sweep and is very tempting. The Ballygunge Meeting also has great attractions, and has made great advancement towards being less of a close meeting than before. At the last General Meeting of the Association all rules which either were obstructive or had any tendency to debar entries were either cancelled or modified so as to allow a more wide source from which to expect entries. We hope this enlightened policy will meet with its just reward, and that a good meeting and large fields will mark the introduction of the recent improvements with which the Stewards have attempted to satisfy public requirements.

## EXTRACTS.

## 'TALL WALKING.'

THE present mania for long-distance walking, which reached its climax last week in the great six days match between O'Leary and Weston, is of very recent date, being coeval, as every one knows, with Weston's arrival in this country. The rapid development of pedestrianism since then, however, proves that the taste for it was only dormant and in abeyance after a previous vigorous existence. During the last quarter of the last century and the first quarter of the present century long-distance walking was popular in England, and great feats of pedestrianism were not infrequent. The first English pedestrian of note of whom we have any record was Robert Bartley, of Hutford, in Norfolk, who was born in 1719, and who when he was past 50 years of age repeatedly walked from Thetford to London in one day and returned the next, the distance each way being 81 miles. A worthy successor to Bartley was found in Reed, a Hampshire man, of whom two notable feats are recorded. The first was at Gosport, in 1787, when he walked 100 miles within 24 hours. The second was at Weymouth, in 1791, when he walked 50 miles on the sands there over a measured mile in 9 hours and 20 minutes. Previous to this, however, in May, 1762, Child, a miller of Wandsworth, had walked 44 miles in 7 hours and 57 minutes on Wimbledon Common; and in the August of the same year Mr. John Hague, of Binns, near Marsden, walked 100 miles in 23 hours and 15 minutes. But these feats were all eclipsed by the achievements of one of the most famous of English pedestrians, Mr. Foster Powell, who was unquestionably facile princeps among the pedestrians of his day. Mr. Foster Powell was born at Horsforth, near Leeds, in 1734, and was an attorney's clerk in London when his walking powers first brought him into notice. In 1773, for a wager of 100 guineas, he accomplished successfully what was then thought the stupendous feat of walking from London to York and back in six days, a distance of 401 miles. In September, 1787, he walked from the Falstaff Inn, Canterbury, to London Bridge and back, 109 miles, in 23 hours and 50 minutes, on the whole, perhaps, his greatest performance. In July, 1788, he accomplished 100 miles in 22 hours; and the same year he walked from Hyde Park Corner to Windsor and back, 40 miles exactly, in 7 hours. In 1790 he made his third journey from London to York and back in four days 16 hours and 10 minutes, having backed himself to do the distance in four days 18 hours. Two years later, when he was 57 years of age, he backed himself to walk again from London to York and back in five days 15 hours, and succeeded in covering the distance in five days 13 hours and 35 minutes. In the same year he offered to do 500 miles in seven days, but no one would accept the wager. The next year he died, and his death was supposed

to have been hastened by the great exertions made in his last journey from London to York and back, the weather and the roads being very bad. Mr. Foster Powell stood a little over 5 feet 8 inches, and was sparely made, but with very powerful hips and thighs. In the same year that Mr. Foster Powell made his last journey from London to York and back, a Mr. Eustace, then in his 77th year, walked from London to Liverpool, a distance of 200 miles, in four days. But the greatest feat of that century was that of John Batty, who in July, 1788, walked 700 miles on Richmond course in four hours under fourteen days. Batty was then in his 54th year, and the chronicle of his journey is worth giving as a specimen of endurance. This is the certified table of distances performed by him each day:—

|             |                    |             |                         |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Day ... | 59 miles           | 8th Day ... | 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. |
| 2nd " ...   | 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 9th " ...   | 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      |
| 3rd " ...   | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 10th " ...  | 51 "                    |
| 4th " ...   | 51 "               | 11th " ...  | 51 "                    |
| 5th " ...   | 51 "               | 12th " ...  | 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      |
| 6th " ...   | 51 "               | 13th " ...  | 51 "                    |
| 7th " ...   | 43 "               | 14th " ...  | 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      |

With the exception of Captain Barclay's 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours of which more anon, this is the longest distance ever attempted and finished within a given time. In 1806, a Mr. Joseph Edge, of Macclesfield, is credited with having walked 172 miles in 49 hours 20 minutes, starting from the Angel Inn, Macclesfield, at midnight on the Wednesday, and arriving at the Swan with Two Necks, Lad-lane, London, at 1-20 A. M., on the Saturday morning. The year 1808 is memorable for five great pedestrian feats. A publican of Towcester, named Dowler, who had long had a local reputation as a pedestrian, backed himself for 100 guineas to walk 500 miles in seven days, and accomplished the task with nine hours to spare, starting at midnight on November 3 and finishing at 3 P. M. on November 9. This was justly considered at the time as one of the most marvellous pedestrian exploits on record. In April of the same year a Hampshire pedestrian, named Podgers, compassed 400 miles in eight days for a wager of 200 guineas, walking twelve hours every day and sleeping eight hours. Downes, a then famous pedestrian, in the same year walked 400 miles in ten days, it being a stipulation that he was to walk 40 miles each day. In a match against Captain Aiken in the following year, Downes walked 160 miles in 43 hours to the Captain's 144.

There remain yet two notable pedestrian performances of the same year to be mentioned. Captain Howe, starting on March 8 for a wager of 200 guineas, walked from London to Exeter and back, 396 miles, within six days; and Lieutenant Halifax, of the Lancashire Militia, in the same month walked two miles every hour for 160 consecutive hours at Tiverton. Another good performance which preceded these we must not omit to chronicle. In 1806, starting on Boxing day, Glanville, a noted Shropshire pedestrian, walked 142 miles on the Bath-road in 29 hours 35 minutes, a feat which, if the walking was fair heel and toe, as it is said to have been, compares favourably even with the best performances of Weston and O'Leary. Passing over matches for distances of 100 miles and under, we come to the remarkable achievement of Rimmington, a farmer living at

Holt, near Dorechester, who, in the month of October, 1811, for a wager of 200 guineas, walked 560 miles in seven days, reckoned up to that time the greatest pedestrian feat on record. In 1812, Captain Agar, a noted walker and runner, walked 300 miles in four days, doing 90 miles the first day, 80 miles the second, 72 miles the third, and 58 miles the fourth. We have purposely left to the last in our enumeration of the doughty deeds of these pedestrian heroes of a former generation the well-known exploits of Captain Barclay. The performances of this celebrated walker previous to the great feat which has made his name famous were as follows:—300 miles in 5 days in June, 1801, from Ury to Boroughbridge, in Yorkshire, the weather being exceptionally hot and sultry; 150 miles in two days, an exploit which he accomplished twice; 100 miles in 19 hours; and 90 miles in 20½ hours, the last named for a wager of 5000 guineas, having previously failed in a match over the same distance for 2000 guineas. There is a suspicion, however, that in all these walks, except the last named, Captain Barclay indulged in a trot. A mixed pace indeed, was often allowed in pedestrian matches then, otherwise Captain Barclay would never have backed himself as he did to “walk” 23 miles in three hours, though it is only fair to say that he so completely distrusted his power of accomplishing the feat that he paid forfeit. In 1809 he walked his famous 1000 miles in 1000 hours over a measured mile on the Newmarket-road, starting on the 1st of June, and finishing on the 12th of July, a period of forty-two days. This still remains unequalled as an exhibition of prolonged endurance. How great was the undertaking may be gathered from the fact that three other noted pedestrians tried to accomplish it after careful preparation, but broke down respectively at the end of fifteen, twenty-two, and thirty days; and also from the fact that Captain Barclay lost 2st. 4lbs. during his performance of the task. Yet two days after he had accomplished it he set out to join the ill-fated expedition to Walcheren, a proof that he soon recovered his vigour. It is curious to note the difference between the diet adopted by Captain Barclay in this great match and that adopted by O’Leary last week. The latter confined himself entirely to “slops,” and took no solid animal food; whilst the former ate five or six pounds of animal food every day, with vegetables in proportion, and washed down his meals with copious draughts of wine and porter. From the time of Captain Barclay’s last feat long distance walking went out of fashion, and had become almost a lost art among us until Weston revived the taste for it some twelve months ago. Since then a host of aspirants to laurels in pedestrianism have come to the front. The best times on record for 50, 100, and 250 miles have been done by Englishmen, Ide, Crossland, and Vaughan having far outdone any previous record at those distances. It remains now to be proved whether we have an Englishman who can rival the great feat of last week, and there are many who confidently believe that both Howes and Crossland are equal to the task. For our own part, however, we doubt their capacity to excel, in their first trial over such a distance, the magnificent performances at the Agricultural Hall last week. Nevertheless, we have shown that England has produced notable long distance walkers in days gone by, and that therefore she may be expected to hold her own against all comers now in a branch of athletic exercise which is evidently destined to become popular.

It is of course impossible at this distance of time to compare with any pretence to accuracy the conditions under which pedestrian feats were performed eighty or ninety years ago and those under which recent achievements in that line have been accomplished. The heroes of the contest last week were protected from the inclemency of the weather, and that no doubt gave them a great advantage over those who, like Foster Powell and Barclay, were exposed to all the vicissitudes of a variable climate. But one fact, at any rate, has been established, that in feats of endurance the men of the present day are, at any rate, the equals of the best men of the past, whilst in speed and agility they far surpass them. In the old classic days, when poets would have us believe that the race of men was far superior, physically, to their degenerate posterity of to-day, the pedestrians, at any rate, could not hold a candle to those of our day. It was thought a marvellous achievement to run 750 stadia (about 45 miles) in two days, and Phidippides, who performed that feat, was regarded as a wonder, until Philonides, the favourite runner of Alexander the Great, threw that exploit into the shade by running from Sicyone to Elis, 1200 stadia (some 70 miles), in a day and a night. The great race at the Olympic games was at first only a trifle over 100 yards, and was at no time more than 220 yards. And it is probable that Slade and Elborough could have given the best winner of the parsley crown that ever stepped a hundred yards in a quarter of a mile and have beaten him easily. To come nearer to our own time, Captain Barclay, who was looked upon as about the fastest mile runner of his time, could never get under 4 minutes 50 seconds, and generally exceeded the five minutes by several seconds; whilst his quarter mile time, the best of his day, was only 56 seconds, on a level stretch of turnpike road as dry as a chip. In all athletic exercises there can be no question that the present generation is far in advance of its predecessors, and that the young Englishmen of to-day are far stronger and swifter and more active than their ancestors.

And yet the curious fact is, that there is less need for this physical development than there used to be—that it to say, in so far that there is less call upon a man's physical strength in the pursuits of his life. In another sense there is more need than ever of physical development, because the sedentary pursuits to which nine-tenths of us are doomed are fatal to health, unless the body has been previously hardened by athletic exercises. It is curious, too, that the highest exhibitions of human locomotive power—running, walking, swimming, bicycling—should present themselves in an age when there is least need for them practically—for, assuredly, never before was there such a variety of mechanical locomotion offered to the traveller. From these facts some, no doubt, will hastily deduce the conclusion that these physical accomplishments are useless from a practical point of view—that they are mere fancy strokes in the game of life. But we need not say that this is a utilitarian view from which we utterly dissent. We rejoice to see athletic prowess cultivated and admired, because the tendency of the age is towards sapping that self-reliance which is one of the highest qualities in man, and leading us to substitute for reliance upon our own powers a blind trust in mechanical agencies. It is a fault of civilisation that it enervates men by inventing means to relieve them of all active personal exertion. To this fatally degenerating influence the taste for athletic sports is a healthy and potent

antidote ; and therein, to our thinking, lies its chief value, and the value of great feats like that of last week, which serve to keep this manly taste alive.

There is, however, one even more practical application of the lesson of the great pedestrian contest which has just ended, and it is to our Army that it is directed. Proficiency in pedestrianism is of more importance to the soldier than to any other member of the community. It would be easy to point to a hundred instances in military history in which the marching power of an army has helped it more surely to victory than even its fighting power. And even in these days of railways, rapid marching and the endurance necessary to sustain it are of vital importance to the success of a campaign. Yet we hear of little attempt to train our soldiers in pedestrianism, nor of any encouragement held out to them to perfect themselves in the art of walking. The consequence is that even in the mimic marches of the Autumn Manœuvres men fall out of the ranks by scores, and a ten mile walk is enough to decimate a regiment. The old Greeks were wise enough to encourage speed and endurance under conditions akin to those of actual military service, and instituted races for armed men—made walking and running, in fact, a regular part of the training of their soldiers, and the value of such training was proved when 2,000 Spartans marched 75 miles in three days to assist the Athenians at Marathon. We should like to see a similar system instituted in our own army, and if the great walking match between O'Leary and Weston should result in opening the eyes of our military authorities to the importance of pedestrianism as a necessary part of every soldier's training, there will have been something more solid gained by that grand exhibition of pluck and endurance than even the healthy and truly sportsmanlike enthusiasm which it has created.

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# RACING CALENDAR

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## RACES PAST.

### WELLINGTON RACES—1877.

The entries for this meeting—the first of the season—were numerous and comprised horses belonging to gentlemen in all parts of India. Donaldson and Wheal—the well-known trainers—both meant to bring large stables, but the latter was unfortunately unable to bring Crown Prince and the other cracks under his care. Two large stables were conspicuous by their absence; one, The Mysore Confederates, Messrs. Langford and Crawford, though it is reported they possess the best Maiden Waler in India—Black Swan; the other, the Leviathan stable of Captain Davison and The Honorable A. B. Downall; the former of whom has gone home, and the latter prefers the charms of the forest, and slaying solitary bull elephants, and lordly bison, to the glorious uncertainty of the Turf at Wellington. We regret to see that the horses in both these stables, so well-known to all racing men in India for the straightforward and honourable manner in which their management has been always conducted, are all for sale, and that the owners thereof are retiring from the Indian Turf. Others who remain could be better spared, and we fear the sporting spirit of older days is dying out with the race of older sportsmen, who are giving up the Turf and leaving India. Last year we had to lament the loss of Mr. Cockerell, the popular and sporting Commissioner of the Neilgherries, but it is just possible we may see him again in a year or two with some “running blood” and “a Newmarket boy” to assist at his well-loved Wellington Races, where he was much missed this year.

But to business. A sporting medico, whose advent to the Turf was crowned with well-deserved success, about a month before the races, added to his small stable of one Waler maiden, Telegram, the very handsome bay Arab colt Caractus, at a longish figure. Ali Abdoolah had sent him from Bombay with a high character, which he worthily sustained, and proved himself the best maiden Arab that has appeared for some seasons. Mr. Herbert, well-known in former years at Poonah and other Bombay Race-courses as a first-class G. R., brought up from Bangalore a very fine Arab, a worthy antagonist to Caractus, and who would, many think, have beaten him if he had not hit a post and cut his fore-arm very severely in the race for the Coonoor Purse. We fear he will not even be fit to run at Bangalore, and in such an event strongly recommend his

owner to reserve him for next year, as he was not nearly fit at Wellington, and with another year's training might even almost rival the performances of his celebrated namesake, the mighty Child, one of the very best Arabs that ever ran in India.

We also welcome to the Turf, as a good and true sportsman, Mr. Goodrich, the popular Collector of Vizagapatam, and hope he may be more fortunate elsewhere. He sent two Arab maidens, a Waler filly, and an Arab plater, the latter could not be got fit in time, Mayfly (the Waler) was in very poor condition when she arrived, (two months before the races) and ran fairly, though not nearly fit, and the handsome Arab Galloway Lottery—the most racing looking goer on the course—was outclassed by Caractacus and Child, two slashing big Arabs, nearly 15 hands, who ran the Derby course of 9 furlongs in six seconds shorter time than it had ever been done before. Any other year little Lottery would have won the Derby easily, and we trust his sporting owner will recoup his bad luck before the end of the season at Vizianagram and Madras.

The Hurdle Races fell through, as there were only two horses to contest them out of the half-dozen entered, and no public money is given at Wellington unless *three horses in bonâ fide separate interests start*.

The Stewards had a very disagreeable duty imposed on them before the races, by an attempt made by certain persons, to make certain of securing the 1,000 rupees added to the Trial Stakes. In order to try and insure there being three starters, a third class hack, which had been beaten in 4 hack races at Madras, and which was not even attempted to be trained at all, was entered at the last entry for Rs. 250, to run against Lord Clifden and Hunter, for a mile, they being two of the fastest horses in India. The result of a formal enquiry made by the Stewards was, that they unanimously decided the entry was not made in a *bonâ fide* separate interest, but in the interest of Lord Clifden, in order that he might secure the public money. The Stewards therefore disqualified all the horses belonging to the parties concerned for the Trial Stakes, adding the Rs. 1,000 to a new race, a Free Handicap. The only reason they did not disqualify all the horses belonging to the parties concerned, was that Stable Lotteries had been held on several races in which their horses had been sold, and innocent persons would have lost their money. Most present considered the Stewards erred in doing this, and should have disqualified the delinquents for the races. We understand all the evidence, &c., is being printed, and will be sent by the Stewards to the Calcutta Turf Club for their final decision. As the case is *sub judice* we will therefore make no further remarks except that the Stewards acted as they did solely in the interests of the public. None are owners of horses, only one of the three ever even makes a bet, and another was in charge of, and looking after, the horses in one of the stables concerned. They are therefore a most disinterested body, and better fitted than most Stewards to decide such a case. We mention these facts, as a letter in one of the local papers, evidently written or prompted by some of the delinquents, attempts to traduce the characters of the Stewards which require no defence *here*, where they are all well-known.

## FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1877.

The Welcome Purse of Rs. 400. (Presented by the Merchants and others of Wellington and Oconoor, with Rs. 600 added). For all Arab and Country-bred Horses. Weight for age and class. Winners once 4lbs., oftener 7lbs., extra. 1½ miles.

|                  |         |          |      |            |       |
|------------------|---------|----------|------|------------|-------|
| Mr. Covey's      | br a h  | Marquis  | 9 0  | Vinall     | ... 1 |
| Mr. Pilgrim's    | ch cb g | Surprise | 9 8  | David      | ... 2 |
| Mr. Ally Askar's | ch a h  | Ackbar   | 8 11 | Hackney    | ... 3 |
| Cl. Warrington's | b a h   | Sirmust  | 9 0  | Donaldson. | ... 0 |

Marquis beat Surprise by a neck after a splendid race from the distance. Vinall outrode David who ought to have won easily. Time—2 mins. 28 secs.

The Free Handicap, (instead of the Trial Stakes) Rs. 1,000 added. A Handicap for all Australian horses, with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for those declared to start. 1 mile.

|                 |        |              |      |            |       |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|------|------------|-------|
| Mr. Covey's     | b w g  | Hunter       | 8 13 | Vinall     | ... 1 |
| Mr. Pilgrim's   | b w h  | Lord Clifden | 9 7  | David      | ... 2 |
| Mr. Herbert's   | b w g  | Spec         | 8 0  | Blackburne | 3     |
| Major Farwell's | b w g  | Oliver Twist | 8 13 | Hackney    | ... 0 |
| Mr. Morgan's    | br w g | Proposition  | 5 7  | —          | ... 0 |
| Mr. Thomas'     | bl w g | Raven        | 9 1  | Donaldson  | 0     |

Hunter led to the distance where Lord Clifden challenged, and Vinall again outrode David, who was beaten by a length, after losing 5 lengths at the last turn. Time 1 min. 46 secs.

The Wellington Derby of Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden Arab and Country-bred horses. Weight for age and class. Terms, &c., as per Maiden Purse. 9 furlongs.

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|------------------|--------|---------------------|------|------------|-------|
| Mr. Aubery's     | b a c  | Caractacus          | 7 10 | Walker     | ... 1 |
| Mr. Herbert's    | g a g  | Child of the Desert | 8 4  | Blackburne | ... 2 |
| Mr. Ally Askar's | b a c  | Railway             | 7 10 | Hackney    | ... 3 |
| Mr. Goodrich's   | g a h  | Panther             | 8 7  | Donaldson  | ... 0 |
| Do.              | b a g  | Lottery             | 8 4  | Williamson | ... 0 |
| H. H. Aga Khan's | b a g  | Aghaub              | 8 4  | Syed       | ... 0 |
| Mr. Morgan's     | b cb m | Maid of the Mist    | 8 7  | —          | ... 0 |

Bad start, Panther led for first quarter. Child of the Desert then took up the running with Caractacus a length behind. At top of the hill second time round Caractacus came up with the Child raced him a while and led at the corner in, when he took a pull, coming up the straight the Child challenged, and after a very good race was beaten by a length. Time—2mins. 13secs.

The Maiden Purse. Rs. 1,000. For all Maiden English and Colonial horses. Weight for age and class. 9 furlongs.

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|--------------|--------|------------|------|------------|-------|
| Mr. Aubery's | ch w g | Telegram   | 8 9  | Walker     | ... 1 |
| „ Goodrich's | br w m | Mayfly     | 8 9  | Williamson | ... 2 |
| „ Covey's    | br w c | Touchstone | 8 11 | Vinall     | ... 3 |
| „ Pilgrim's  | b w g  | Lottery    | 8 5  | —          | ... 0 |

Touchstone got well off with a lead with the usual galloping start, and made a spread eagle of the field to the bottom turn, when he broke down and gave place to Telegram who led to top of hill, where Mayfly passed him. Rounding the corner and up the straight both were at work, and Telegram won a good race by a length—Time 2mins. 10½ seconds.

The Welter. Rs. 400. For all horses. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. Winners of one season, 5lbs.; of two or more, 7lbs. extra. 1½ miles.

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|-------------------|--------|--------------|----|----|---------------|-------|
| Major Farwell's   | b w g  | Oliver Twist | 11 | 11 | Mr. Ricardo   | ... 1 |
| Mr. Covey's       | b w g  | Hunter       | 11 | 11 | Vinall        | ... 2 |
| " Pilgrim's       | b w h  | The Secret   | 11 | 12 | Capt. Elmbirs | ... 3 |
| Col. Warrington's | b w m  | Sweetbriar   | 11 | 11 | Mr. Hamilton  | ... 0 |
| Ouchterlony       |        |              |    |    |               |       |
| Confy's           | bl w g | Blackbird    | 11 | 11 | David         | ... 0 |
| Mr. Thomas'       | b w g  | Panmure      | 11 | 9  | Mr. Gaye      | ... 0 |

Panmure led for ¾, then Hunter and The Secret to the last turn at distance. Oliver (very well ridden) challenged, passed both and beat Hunter by a length, The Secret a length behind Hunter. Time—2mins. 26secs.

#### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1877.

A match for Rs. 500. Half a mile.

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|-------------------|-------|---------|--------|---|----|-------------|-------|
| Mr. Hamilton's    | ch cb | Dandy   | 5 yrs. | 9 | 7  | Dr. Gaye    | ... 1 |
| Capt. McTaggart's | ch cb | Tom Cat | 7      | " | 10 | 0 Donaldson | ... 2 |

Won easy by a length.

The Coonoor Purse. Rs. 1,000. Presented by the Residents of Coonoor. For all Arabs and Country-breds. Weight for age and class. Winners once before the Meeting carrying 3lbs., twice 6lbs., oftener 10lbs. extra. Horses beaten on the first day of the Meeting allowed 3lbs. Maidens allowed 7lbs. 1½ miles.

This Race was the grand event of the day. Caractacus was a hot favorite, because of his light weight, and his first-class running on Tuesday. At the start Ackbar was very fidgetty and took the lead, Caractacus lying second at the turn just past the Grand Stand, Child of the Desert, who was running last, tried to gain ground by keeping close to the rails. Unfortunately he struck his off fore-arm against the wood, and wounded himself severely. But he continued to run gamely, and when he came round for the race home, he passed through the horses in front of him and took second place. The apparent ease with which he did this proves that if he had improved his position early, avoided the rails, and then followed his plan of reserving his strength for the run home, he would have stood an admirable chance of winning. As it was Caractacus won easy, with lots to spare: in fact the race was virtually won by him a quarter of a mile from home.

|                   |         |                        |   |   |            |       |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|
| Mr. Auber's       | b a h   | Caractacus             | 7 | 0 | Walker     | ... 1 |
| " Herbert's       | g a h   | Child of the<br>Desert | 7 | 7 | Blackburne | ... 2 |
| " Covey's         | br a h  | Marquis                | 9 | 3 | Vinall     | ... 3 |
| " Ally Askar's    | ch a h  | Ackbar                 | 8 | 7 | Williamson | ... 4 |
| Col. Warrington's | b a h   | Sirmust                | 9 | 3 | Donaldson  | ... 0 |
| Mr. Pilgrim's     | ch cb g | Surprise               | 9 | 7 | —          | ... 0 |
| Morgan's          | b cb m  | Maid of the Mist       | 7 | 8 | —          | ... 0 |

Time—2mins 55½secs.

Neilgherry Cup. Free Handicap, with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for those declared to start. 1½ miles.

|                  |        |              |   |   |            |       |
|------------------|--------|--------------|---|---|------------|-------|
| Mr. Covey's      | b w g  | Hunter       | 9 | 6 | Vinall     | ... 1 |
| " Aubery's       | ch w g | Telegram     | 9 | 3 | Walker     | ... 2 |
| " Thomas'        | bl w g | Raven        | 8 | 5 | —          | ... 3 |
| " Herbert's      | b w g  | Spec         | 8 | 2 | Blackburne | ... 4 |
| Major Farrwell's | b w g  | Oliver Twist | 9 | 3 | —          | ... 0 |

Lord Clifden declined to accept with 10 stone. Hunter was off first, close to him came Raven. As they went round, the lot divided into two sections, the first being made up of Hunter, Spec, and Raven, the second of the others, Oliver Twist being conspicuous in the 2nd division,—in the rear of it most of the time. Round the second time Telegram passing the others began to race with the leader, but Vinall called on Hunter when Telegram came up, and won not without difficulty by a length. Time—54, 2mins. 48secs.

The Brewer's Purse, for Pegu Ponies. Rs. 150 presented by S. Honeywell, Esq., of Arvenghaut. Catch-weights over 9st. ½ mile. Post entries, Rs. 10 each.

|                  |           |              |       |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Littledale's | dun pony  | Curry        | ... 1 |
| " Reilly's       | grey pouy | Napper Tandy | ... 2 |
| " Haunah's       | dun pony  | Tom          | ... 0 |
| " Ouchterlony's  | grey pony | Jack         | ... 0 |
| Ditto            | grey pony | Ruby         | ... 0 |

Won by a length easy.

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|---------------|-------|--------------|---|---|-------|---------|
| Mr. Pilgrim's | b w h | Lord Clifden | 9 | 4 | David | ... w o |
|---------------|-------|--------------|---|---|-------|---------|

The Planters' Purse of Rs. 500. Given by the Planters of Wynaad 1½ miles, over seven flights of hurdles. Weight for age and class raised 2st. 7lbs. Winners of one season, 5lbs.; two or more seasons, 7lbs. extra.

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|---------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Ouchterlony Confederacy's | bl w g | Blackbird | ... w o |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|

## THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1877.

The Ootacamund Purse of Rs. 700. Rs. 400 given by the Merchants, &c., of Ootacamund, with Rupees 300 added by the Fund. Handicap for all English and Colonial horses. Forced for winner of the meeting, Hurdle Races, Corinthians, and Welter excepted a Rupees 50 for each race won; free to losers, with a Sweepstakes c Rupees 50 for each horse declared to start. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

|                 |        |              |    |   |                   |           |    |          |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|----|---|-------------------|-----------|----|----------|
| Mr. Pilgrim's   | b w h  | Lord Clifden | 10 | 0 | Black and Orange  | David     | 0* | } Divide |
| Major Farwell's | b w g  | Oliver Twist | 8  | 9 | Rose and White    | Donaldson | 0* |          |
| Mr. Aubery's    | ch w g | Telegram     | 7  | 6 | Crimson and White | Walker    | 8  |          |

Grand Race from the last turn, David as usual lost the race for Lord Clifden by bad riding; he ought to have won by several lengths. Owners divided after dead beat. Time—2mins. 22secs.

The Abkarry Purse. of Rs. 700. Rs. 500 presented by Messrs Arathoon and Co., with Rupees 200 added by the Fund. A Handicap for all Arab and Country-Bred Horses. Forced for winners a Rupees 50 for each race won, free to losers, with a Sweepstakes c Rupees 50 for each horse declared to start.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

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|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----|-------------------|------------|---|
| Mr. Aubery's   | b a h   | Caratacus | 8 | 4  | Crimson and White | Walker     | 1 |
| „ Ally Askar's | ch a h  | Ackbar    | 8 | 7  | Blue and Black    | Vinall     | 2 |
| „ Pilgrim's    | ch ch g | Surprise  | 9 | 7  | Black and Orange  | Blackburne | 0 |
| „ Ally Askar's | b a h   | Railway   | 7 | 11 | Blue and Black    | Syde       | 0 |
| „ Goodrich's   | br a g  | Lottery   | 7 | 11 | —                 | William    | 0 |

Ackbar led all the way. Vinall as usual throughout the meeting, gaining some lengths round each sharp turn. Caratacus caught him a few lengths from post and won a magnificent race by half a length. Time—2mins. 28secs.

The Diana Plate, value Rs. 200. For all Ladies' horses that have never started, except for Ladies' races, for one year previously. Weight for age and class raised 2st. Entrance Rs. 20, to go to the fund. G. R. only. Half a mile.

|                         |        |             |    |   |                |     |   |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|----|---|----------------|-----|---|
| Miss Morgan's           | b ch m | Grass-widow | 9  | 0 | Mr. Gaye       | ... | 1 |
| Mrs. J. H. Irvine's     | g w g  | Katerfelto  | 11 | 4 | Capt. Irvine   | ... | 2 |
| Mrs. Pennell Elmhirst's | br w m | Coquette    | 11 | 0 | Capt. Elmhirst |     | 3 |

Easy by a length. Time—55mins..

The Beaten Arab and Country-bred Handicap. For all horses beaten in first and second day. Rs. 300 from the Fund with a Sweepstakes of Rs. 20 for those declared to start. One mile.

|                   |        |         |   |    |                 |            |    |   |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---|----|-----------------|------------|----|---|
| Mr. Ally Askar's  | ch a h | Ackbar  | 8 | 13 | Blue & Black    | Vinall     | .. | 1 |
| „ Goodrich's      | br a h | Lottery | 8 | 0  | Crimson & White | Blackburne | .. | 2 |
| Col. Warrington's | b a h  | Sirmust | 6 | 13 | Black & White   | Donaldson  | .. | 3 |
| Mr. Goodrich's    | g a h  | Panther | 7 | 3  | Crimson & White | Walker     | .. | 4 |

Ackbar led and won by 10 lengths. Time—1min. 55 seconds.

The Beaten Waler Handicap. For all Australian horses beaten first and second days. Rs. 300 from the Fund, and a Sweepstakes of Rs. 20 for those declared to start. 1 mile and a quarter.

|                           |       |            |   |   |                              |                |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|---|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Herbert's             | b w g | Spec       | 8 | 6 | Black & Black &<br>White Cap | Blackburn .. 1 |
| Col. Warrington's         | b w m | Sweetbriar | 8 | 4 | Black & White                | Vinall .. 2    |
| Mr. Goodrich's            | b w m | Mayfly     | 8 | 0 | Crimson & White              | Williamson.. 3 |
| Ouchterlony Confederacy's | b w m | Empress    | 7 | 7 | —————                        | Syud .. 4      |

Sweetbriar led to distance when Spec challenged and won a very good race by a length. Time—1min. 18½secs.

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|-----------------|--------|--------------|----|---|-------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| Mr. Pilgrim's   | b w h  | Lord Clifden | 10 | 0 | Black and Orange  | David     | 0* | } Divided |
| Major Farwell's | b w g  | Oliver Twist | 8  | 9 | Rose and White    | Donaldson | 0* |           |
| Mr. Aubery's    | ch w g | Telegram     | 7  | 6 | Crimson and White | Walker    | 3  |           |

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|                |         |           |   |    |                   |            |   |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----|-------------------|------------|---|
| Mr. Aubery's   | b a h   | Caratacus | 8 | 4  | Crimson and White | Walker     | 1 |
| " Ally Askar's | ch a h  | Ackbar    | 8 | 7  | Blue and Black    | Vinall     | 2 |
| " Pilgrim's    | ch ch g | Surprise  | 9 | 7  | Black and Orange  | Blackburne | 0 |
| " Ally Askar's | b a h   | Railway   | 7 | 11 | Blue and Black    | Syud       | 0 |
| " Goodrich's   | br a g  | Lottery   | 7 | 11 |                   | William    | 0 |

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|                         |        |             |    |   |                |     |   |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|----|---|----------------|-----|---|
| Miss Morgau's           | b cb m | Grass-widow | 9  | 0 | Mr. Gaye       | ... | 1 |
| Mrs. J. H. Irvine's     | g w g  | Katerfelto  | 11 | 4 | Capt. Irvine   | ... | 2 |
| Mrs. Pennell Elmhirst's | br w m | Coquette    | 11 | 0 | Capt. Elmhirst |     | 3 |

Easy by a length. Time—55mins.

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|                   |        |         |   |    |                 |            |    |   |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---|----|-----------------|------------|----|---|
| Mr. Ally Askar's  | ch a h | Ackbar  | 8 | 13 | Blue & Black    | Vinall     | .. | 1 |
| " Goodrich's      | br a h | Lottery | 8 | 0  | Crimson & White | Blackburne | .. | 2 |
| Col. Warrington's | b a h  | Sirmust | 8 | 13 | Black & White   | Donaldson  | .. | 3 |
| Mr. Goodrich's    | g a h  | Panther | 7 | 3  | Crimson & White | Walker     | .. | 4 |

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|                           |       |            |   |   |                              |               |   |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|---|---|------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Mr. Herbert's             | b w g | Spec       | 8 | 6 | Black & Black &<br>White Cap | Blackburn ..  | 1 |
| Col. Warrington's         | b w m | Sweetbriar | 8 | 4 | Black & White                | Vinall ..     | 2 |
| Mr. Goodrich's            | b w m | Mayfly     | 8 | 0 | Crimson & White              | Williamson .. | 3 |
| Oughterlony Confederacy's | b w m | Empress    | 7 | 7 | <hr/>                        | Syud ..       | 4 |

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A VISITOR.

# RACES TO COME.

## ENTRANCES FOR THE POONA RACES,—1877.

*Entrances 1st May.*

### POONA DERBY.

|                                    |         |     |                      |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----|----------------------|
| Mr. Borradaile's                   | b c b f | ... | Nita.                |
| Aga Ali Asker's                    | b a h   | ... | Menchikof.           |
| Ditto                              | b a c   | ... | Railway.             |
| H. H. Aga Khan's                   | b a h   | ... | Young Shere Ali.     |
| Ditto                              | c a c   | ... | Surfaraz.            |
| Ditto                              | g a c   | ... | Kaiser.              |
| Ditto                              | c a c   | ... | Shah Rookh.          |
| Ditto                              | g a c   | ... | Tarlan.              |
| Aga Moochool Shaw's                | g a c   | ... | Shah Baz.            |
| Ditto                              | b a c   | ... | Sud.                 |
| Mr. Herbert's                      | b a c   | ... | King Arthur.         |
| Ditto                              | g a h   | ... | Child of the Desert. |
| Mr. B's                            | b a c   | ... | Scamp.               |
| " Jones'                           | g a c   | ... | Beaconsfield.        |
| Ditto                              | b a c   | ... | Moonbeam.            |
| Mr. Abdool Rahmon's                | b a h   | ... | Rainbow.             |
| Ditto                              | g a c   | ... | Saunterer.           |
| Ditto                              | c a h   | ... | Mameluke.            |
| Ditto                              | g a c   | ... | Disraeli.            |
| Mr. Sheik Abdoola Salem's          | g a c   | ... | Young Dilawar.       |
| " Covey's                          | ch a h  | ... | Count.               |
| " Ali Bin Ameer's                  | b a c   | ... | Wayel.               |
| H. H. the Maharnjah of Joudhpore's | b a c   | ... | Struck Oil.          |
| H. H. the Nawab of Jowrah's        | g a h   | ... | Surpedon.            |
| Mr. Aubery's                       | b a c   | ... | Caractacus.          |

### CHAMPAGNE STAKES.

|                             |        |     |               |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|---------------|
| Aga Ali Asker's             | c a h  | ... | Ackbar.       |
| Mr. Anderson's              | b a h  | ... | Fatty.        |
| H. H. Aga Khan's            | b a h  | ... | Lachin.       |
| Ditto                       | b a c  | ... | Asfandiar.    |
| Mr. B's                     | b a c  | ... | Scamp.        |
| Mr. Jones'                  | g a c  | ... | Beaconsfield. |
| Ditto                       | b a c  | ... | Moonbeam.     |
| Mr. Covey's                 | bn a h | ... | Marquis.      |
| H. H. the Nawab of Jowrah's | b a h  | ... | Syrian.       |
| Ditto                       | g a h  | ... | Saracen.      |
| Mr. Macpherson's            | b a h  | ... | Ariel.        |

## THE MAIDEN GALLOWAYS.

|                       |        |     |                      |
|-----------------------|--------|-----|----------------------|
| H. H. Aga Khan's      | b a g  | ... | Oghaub.              |
| Ditto                 | c a g  | ... | Afser.               |
| Mr. B's               | c a c  | ... | Red Deer.            |
| Ditto                 | b a c  | ... | Regent.              |
| Ditto                 | b a g  | ... | Buttercup.           |
| Mr. Jones'            | g a g  | ... | Gurge.               |
| " Abdool Rahmon's     | c a g  | ... | Kamel.               |
| " Ali Bin Ameer's     | b a g  | ... | Nujeeb.              |
| " Brown's             | ch a g | ... | Lightfoot.           |
| The Nawab of Jowrah's | c a h  | ... | Sunrise, late Zoher. |
| Mr. Dalzell's         | g a g  | ... | Jehad.               |

## THE DECCAN DERBY.

|                                         |          |     |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------------------------------------|
| Major Utterson's                        | bn aus g | ... | General Lee.                              |
| Ditto                                   | g aus g  | ... | Laird O'Cockpen, by<br>Bouda out of Kate. |
| Mr Humfrey's                            | g w g    | ... | Hurricane late Warnam-<br>bool.           |
| H. H. Aga Khan's                        | b aus g  | ... | Mobarez.                                  |
| Mr. Abdool Rahmon's                     | b aus g  | ... | Alligator.                                |
| " Aubery's                              | ch w g   | ... | Telegram.                                 |
| " Raikes                                | b w m    | ... | Veronica.                                 |
| Maharajah Protab Singh's                | b aus g  | ... | Pegasus.                                  |
| H. H. The Maharajah of Joudh-<br>pore's | b aus g  | ... | Nimblefoot.                               |

## THE SERVICE STAKES.

|                |        |     |                         |
|----------------|--------|-----|-------------------------|
| Mr. Anderson's | a h    | ... | Glencoe.                |
| " B's          | b a b  | ... | Regent.                 |
| " Jones'       | b a h  | ... | Allenmore.              |
| " Elliot's     | br a h | ... | Pirate.                 |
| " Windham's    | b a h  | ... | Sam, late Guiding Star. |
| " Macpherson's | b a h  | ... | Ariel.                  |
| Ditto          | b a c  | ... | Lochiel.                |
| Ditto          | b a c  | ... | Relief.                 |

## THE POONA STAKES.

|                                    |          |     |                |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----|----------------|
| Mr. Borradaile's                   | ch c b m | ... | Clemence.      |
| Aga Ali Asker's                    | c a h    | ... | Ackbar.        |
| Ditto                              | b a h    | ... | Menchikof.     |
| Ditto                              | b a c    | ... | Railway.       |
| H. H. Aga Khan's                   | b a c    | ... | Asfundiar.     |
| Mr. Jones'                         | g a c    | ... | Beaconsfield.  |
| Ditto                              | b a c    | ... | Moonbeam.      |
| Mr. Abdool Rahmon's                | b a h    | ... | Merrylegs.     |
| Ditto                              | b a c    | ... | The Prince.    |
| Mr. Sheik Abdoola Salem's          | g a c    | ... | Young Dilawur. |
| " Covey's                          | bn a h   | ... | Marquis.       |
| " Ali Bin Ameer's                  | b a c    | ... | Wayal.         |
| Ditto                              | b a g    | ... | Nujeeb.        |
| H. H. the Maharajah of Joudhpore's | b a c    | ... | Struck Oil.    |
| H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's        | b a h    | ... | Syrian.        |
| Mr. Macpherson's                   | b a h    | ... | Ariel.         |
| Ditto                              | b a c    | ... | Lochiel.       |

## THE HOME-BRED STAKES.

|                  |        |           |
|------------------|--------|-----------|
| Mr. Borradaile's | b cb f | ... Nita. |
|------------------|--------|-----------|

## THE CRITERION.

|                  |       |                             |
|------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Anderson's   | b a h | ... Fatty.                  |
| Ditto            | a h   | ... Glencoe.                |
| Major Utterson's | b a h | ... Deception.              |
| Mr. B's          | c a c | ... Rufus.                  |
| Ditto            | c a c | ... Red Deer.               |
| Ditto            | b a c | ... Regent.                 |
| Mr. Jones'       | b a h | ... Allen More.             |
| Capt. P's        | g a c | ... Twilight.               |
| Mr. Elliot's     | bra h | ... Pirate.                 |
| " Windham's      | b a h | ... Sam, late Guiding Star. |
| " Macpherson's   | b a h | ... Ariel.                  |
| Ditto            | b a c | ... Lochiel.                |
| Ditto            | b a c | ... Relief.                 |

## H. H. AGA KHAN'S PURSE.

|                             |        |                      |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Aga Ali Asker's             | b a h  | ... Menchikof.       |
| Ditto                       | b a c  | ... Railway.         |
| H. H. Aga Khan's            | b a h  | ... Young Shere Ali. |
| Ditto                       | c a c  | ... Surferaz.        |
| Ditto                       | g a c  | ... Kaiser.          |
| Ditto                       | c a c  | ... Shah Rookh.      |
| Ditto                       | g a c  | ... Tarlan.          |
| Aga Moochool Shaw's         | g a c  | ... Shah Baz.        |
| Ditto                       | b a c  | ... Sud.             |
| Mr. Herbert's               | b a c  | ... King Arthur.     |
| Ditto                       | g a h  | Child of the Desert. |
| Mr. B's                     | b a c  | Scamp.               |
| Ditto                       | c a c  | Rufus.               |
| Mr. Abdool Rahmon's         | b a h  | Rainbow.             |
| Ditto                       | g a h  | Saunterer.           |
| Ditto                       | c a h  | Mameluke.            |
| Ditto                       | g a c  | Disraeli.            |
| Mr. Shaik Abdoola Salem's   | g a c  | Young Dilawur.       |
| " Covey's                   | ch a h | Count.               |
| " Aubery's                  | b a c  | Caractacus.          |
| " Ali Bin Ameer's           | b a c  | Wayel.               |
| H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's | g a h  | Sarpadon.            |
| Mr. Jones'                  | g a c  | Beaconsfield.        |
| Ditto                       | b a c  | Moonbeam.            |

## THE TRIAL STAKES.

|                  |           |                                           |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Major Barras'    | c a u s g | ... Viking.                               |
| " Utterson's     | b a u s g | ... General Lee.                          |
| Ditto            | g a g     | ... Laird O'Cockpen by Bouda out of Kate. |
| Mr. Humfrey's    | g w g     | ... Hurricane, late War-nambool.          |
| H. H. Aga Khan's | b a u s g | ... Mobarez.                              |

|                             |           |                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Mr. Covey's                 | b w g     | ... Hunter.       |
| „ Aubery's                  | ch w g    | ... Telegram.     |
| The Maharajah of Joudpore's | { bk e h  | ... Crown Prince. |
| Maharajah Kishore Sing's    | { b aus g | ... Nimblefoot.   |
|                             | ch aus g  | ... Fireman.      |

#### THE GALLOWAY PLATE.

|                             |       |                     |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| H. H. Aga Khan's            | c a g | ... Judge-Advocate. |
| Ditto                       | b a c | ... Oghaub.         |
| Mr. B's                     | b a c | ... Regent.         |
| Ditto                       | c a c | ... Red Deer.       |
| Ditto                       | b a g | ... Buttercup.      |
| Mr. Jones'                  | g a g | ... Gurge.          |
| „ Abdool Rahmon's           | c a g | ... Kamel.          |
| Aga Moochool Shaw's         | b a g | ... Shaheen.        |
| Mr. Ali Bin Ameer's         | b a g | ... Nujeeb.         |
| H. H. The Nawab of Jowrah's | b a h | ... Syrian.         |
| Mr. Dalzell's               | g a g | ... Jehad.          |

#### THE FRIEND'S PURSE.

|                                    |         |                          |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Mr. Borradaile's                   | ch cb m | ... Clemence.            |
| H. H. Aga Khan's                   | g a c   | ... Tarlan.              |
| Mr. Herbert's                      | g a h   | ... Child of the Desert. |
| „ B's                              | b a c   | ... Scamp.               |
| Ditto                              | b a c   | ... Regent.              |
| Mr. Jones'                         | b a c   | ... Moonbeam.            |
| Ditto                              | g a c   | ... Beaconsfield.        |
| Mr. Aubery's                       | b a c   | ... Caractacus.          |
| H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's | b a c   | ... Struck Oil.          |

#### Entrances 1st June.

#### POONA DERBY.

|                  |        |                |
|------------------|--------|----------------|
| Major Crosbie's  | g a g  | ... Lightfoot. |
| Col. Macdonald's | b cb m | ... Miss Ruby. |

#### CHAMPAGNE STAKES.

|                 |       |                |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| Major Crosbie's | c a c | ... Nonpareil. |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|

#### THE MAIDEN GALLOWAY'S.

|                  |       |                  |
|------------------|-------|------------------|
| H. H. Aga Khan's | c a g | ... Gorgeen.     |
| Major Crosbie's  | g a g | ... Grey Jacket. |

#### THE SERVICE STAKES.

|                 |       |                 |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Capt. P's       | g a c | ... Twilight.   |
| Mr. Herbert's   | g a c | ... Perak.      |
| Major Crosbie's | c a h | ... Pathfinder. |

#### THE POONA STAKES.

|                 |       |                |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| Mr. Jefferson's | b a h | ... Cashmere.  |
| Major Crosbie's | c a g | ... Lightfoot. |

## THE CRITERION.

|                  |       |     |              |
|------------------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Mr. H. C. Hogg's | b a h | ... | Brigand.     |
| " Herbert's      | g a e | ... | Perak.       |
| Major Crosbie's  | g a h | ... | Pathfinder.  |
| Ditto            | g a g | ... | Grey Jacket. |

## H. H. AGA KHAN'S PURSE.

|                 |       |     |            |
|-----------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Major Crosbie's | c a g | ... | Lightfoot. |
|-----------------|-------|-----|------------|

## THE GALLOWAY PLATE.

|                 |       |     |              |
|-----------------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Mr. Jefferson's | b a h | ... | Cashmere.    |
| Major Crosbie's | g a g | ... | Dutchman.    |
| Ditto           | g a g | ... | Grey Jacket. |

Attention of owners is drawn to Rule 24 of the Prospectus.

The following modification is made in Rule No. 30 of the Prospectus, viz. :—  
Entrances to be dispatched to the Secretary on or before the dates named.

POONA, }  
8th June 1877. }

C. J. BURNETT, MAJOR,  
Honorary Secretary.

## POONA RACES,—1877.

## TERMS OF THE GOVERNOR'S CUP RACE.

*Second Day.*

The Governor's Cup, value Rs. 1,000 presented by His Excellency Sir Richard Temple K. C. S. I. A handicap for all Arabs. The handicap to be published on 12th September. Top weight to be at the discretion of the Stewards. 1½ mile.

Entrance 1st July 1877, 1 G. M.; 1st August, 6 G. Ms.; 1st September, 10 G. Ms. With a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for each horse declared to start. Four horses in different interest to start or the Cup will be withheld.

Winner to receive the Cup and 60 per cent of the Stakes.

The second horse to receive 30 per cent of the Stakes.

The Third horse to receive 10 per cent of the Stakes.

C. J. BURNETT, MAJOR,

POONA, }  
28th May 1877. }

Honorary Secretary.

# NOTICE.

## CALCUTTA RACES—1877.

### Addenda to Prospectus pp. 208 and following Magazine for May :—

The Turnbull Cup of Rs. 500 *added to a Sweepstakes of Rs. 80 each half forfeit, &c., &c., &c. To close and name on the 15th December.*

The Calcutta Grand Annual Handicap Hurdle Race, &c., &c. *Weights to be published at noon on the 24th, acceptances at 8 A. M. on the 26th.*

### ERRATA.

Rule 2                      line 3                      for 1876                      read 1877.

*N. B.*—Owners and trainers are reminded that the First Entrances for the following Races close on the 1st July, *viz.* :—

|                                                                                                 |     |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| The Derby Stakes, for Maiden Arabs, at                                                          | ... | Rs. 30 |
| The Colonial                      „                      „                      Australian, &c. | ... | „ 30   |
| The Crawford Cup for all horses                                                                 | ... | „ 30   |
| Nawab Abdool Gunny Meah's Plate, all Arabs                                                      | ... | „ 30   |
| The Burdwan Cup, for all horses                                                                 | ... | „ 30   |
| The Merchants' Cup, for all horses                                                              | ... | „ 30   |

#### ALSO

|                                                         |     |     |     |     |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| First Nominations for the Viceroy's Cup, for all horses | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 50 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|

*N. B.*—Attention is called to Rules 3 and 5 and it is particularly requested that colors may be sent with Entries.

*Prospectuses on application to*

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,

CALCUTTA RACES,

Race Stand, Calcutta.





## ENTRANCES FOR THE BANGALORE RACES,—1877.

*Entrance 1st June 1877.*

## BANGALORE CUP.

H. H. The Maharajah of Joudhpore's b aus c ... Nimblefoot.

## OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

Mr. Jackson's

ch w g ... Doncaster.

ALEX. LINDSAY,

*Hony. Secy., B. Races.*

## PROSPECTUS OF THE DEHRA RACES,—1877.

*Stewards :*

GENERAL MACPHERSON, V.C., C.B.

H. ROSS, ESQ.

LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD.

MAJOR PEACOCK.

CAPT. BASTOW, 63RD REGIMENT.

CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS.

J. H. WATSON, ESQ., 13TH HUS-  
SARS.P. K. BEAVER, ESQ., R. H. A.  
CHARSLEY THOMAS, ESQ.*With power to add to their number.**Clerk of the Course* ... ABDPOOL GHYAS, ESQ.

## FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1877.

Tom Thum Stakes, of Rs. 10 each P. P., with Rs. 100 added. For all ponies 13-2 and under that have never won an open race of any description, value Rs. 100. 13-2 to carry 11st. 7lbs., 3lbs. allowed per half inch. Country-breds allowed 7lbs., ponies that never started allowed 3lbs., in addition to other allowances. Straight run in (about 3 furlongs). To close and name at noon on 30th September.

The Dehra Derby. Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all Maiden Arabs. C. T. C. Weight for age. Winners this season, once, 4lbs.; twice or oftener, 7lbs. extra. Entrance on 1st August, Rs. 20;

on 15th September, Rs. 50 ; when the race will close. With a Starting Stake of Rs. 50 each. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The Rajpore Plate, of Rs. 500. A steeplechase for all horses that never won a steeplechase, handicaps included, in any country, value Rs. 200, previous to the day of entry.

|                         |     |     |    |   |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----|---|
| English horses to carry | ... | ... | 12 | 0 |
| Colonials               | "   | ... | 11 | 7 |
| Country-breds           | "   | ... | 10 | 0 |
| Arabs                   | "   | ... | 9  | 0 |

If only one class runs to carry 11st. each. 5 year-olds allowed 4lbs., 4 year-olds 7lbs., Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. Winners of a chase value Rs. 200 after entry, once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; entrances and Starting Stakes as for the Derby. Distance two miles over the Steeplechase Course.

The Tyro Stakes. Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all Maiden horses, C. T. C. Weight for age and class. Winners this season, once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs. extra. Entrances, &c., &c., as in the Derby. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The Produce Stakes, of Rs. 50 each, Rs. 20 forfeit, with Rs. 300 added. For all Country-breds, C. T. C. Weight for age. Maidens allowed 4 years or under 7lbs.; 5 years or upwards 10lbs., those that never started 4lbs. additional. Winners, once, 3lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times, or of more than one previous season, 10lbs. extra. To close and name on the 15th September. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

#### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1877.

The Polo Stakes. Rs. 10 each, with Rs. 100 added. For all *bond fide* Polo Ponies 13 hands and under, 13 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs.; 4lbs. allowed for every half inch under. Maidens allowed 3lbs. G. R., over-weight need not be declared. Straight run in.

The Bedouin Stakes. Rs. 800 from the Fund. For all Arabs, C. T. C. Weight for age. Maidens allowed 1st. Winners at any time of a race, handicaps included, value Rs. 1,000, once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener, 10lbs. extra. Of weight for age, or weight for age and class races, value collectively Rs. 5,000, 7lbs. in addition to other penalties. Entrances, &c., as in the Derby. R. C. and a distance. Twelve to enter and five to run, or Rs. 500 only will be given.

The Dehra Grand Annual Steeplechase. Rs. 800 from the Fund. For all horses. English horses to carry 12st.; Colonials, 11st. 7lbs.; Country-breds, 10st.; Arabs, 9st.

If only one class runs to carry 1st. each, 5-year-olds allowed 4lbs., 4-year-olds allowed 7lbs., Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs., horses that never won a steeplechase or hurdle race previous to this season allowed 7lbs.

A winner of any Hurdle Race or steeplechase in any country, handicaps included, value Rs. 600, once, 4lbs.; twice or of one value Rs. 1,000, 7lbs. extra. Of steeplechases and Hurdle Races collectively, value Rs. 3,000, 7lbs., of the same value Rs. 5,000, 10lbs. extra over and above all other penalties. Distance about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles over the Steeplechase Course. Entrances, &c., as in the Derby. Twelve to enter and five to run, or Rs. 500 only will be given. If seven run Rs. 1,000 will be given.

The Dehra Revival Cup. Value Rs. 800. For all horses. C. T. C. Weight for age and class. Allowances, penalties, entrances, &c., &c., as in the Bedouin Stakes. R. C. and a distance.

The Full Cry Steeplechase. Rs. 400 from the Fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each; Rs. 20 forfeit. For all Arabs and Country-breds. Country-breds, to carry 11st. 7lbs.; Arabs, 10st. 7lbs.

If only one class runs to carry 11st. each, Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs., horses that never started in a steeplechase or Hurdle Race allowed 4lbs. A winner of any steeplechase or Hurdle Race (handicaps included) value Rs. 200, once, 3lbs.; twice, or one value Rs. 500, 7lbs. three times, or of steeplechases and Hurdle Races collectively, value Rs. 1,000, 14lbs. extra. Distance about two miles over the Steeplechase Course. To close and name on the 15th September.

### THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1877.

*N.B.*—All the races for the third day close at 8 P. M. on the 4th October. Handicaps will be published at 8 A. M. on the 5th. Acceptances, at the luncheon Ordinary same day.

The Gimcrack Stakes. Free handicap for all ponies 13-2 and under. Rs. 150 from the Fund, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 16 each for all accepting. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

The Doon Steeplechase. Free handicap for all horses. Rs. 500, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for all accepting. Distance about two miles over the Steeplechase Course.

**The Mussoorie Plate.** Free handicap for all horses. Rs. 500, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 50 for all accepting. Distance 1 mile.

**The Landour Purse.** Free handicap steeplechase for all Arabs and Country-breds and horses of other classes measuring 14-2 and under. Rs. 500, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 32 for all accepting. Distance about 2 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

**A Selling Welter Plate,** of Rs. 200, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 20 each. P. P. For all horses. C. T. C. Weight for class raised 28lbs. The winner to be sold for Rs. 600, and surplus divided in the usual manner. 5lbs. allowed for every Rs. 50 reduction in entered selling price down to Rs. 300. Winners, once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. extra. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

#### RULES.

1. The Flat Races will be run under C. T. C. Rules, and the Steeplechases under the new Steeplechase Rules, excepting where otherwise provided. The decision of the local Stewards to be final, except on questions of Racing-law, which may be referred to Stewards, C. T. C.

2. Three horses on *bonâ fide* separate interests to run, or half the added money will be withheld. The Stewards' decision as to whether these conditions have been fulfilled to be final. 20 per cent. for a walk-over once during the Meeting.

3. Entries will not be accepted from any person known to be a defaulter for any entrance or race lottery transaction, or from any confederate of such, and Rule VI. C. T. C. Lottery Rules will be strictly enforced.

4. All entries to be made in writing and sent to the Honorary Secretary at the times appointed. Entries not accompanied by a remittance for the amount are liable to be declined.

5. No horse will be allowed to start until the following have been paid :—All entrances, course fees, forfeits, starting stakes for all races of the Meeting, for which that horse and all other horses owned, in part or whole, by the same person have been entered.

6. A rateable reduction will be made in case of a deficiency of funds.

7. Stand and Enclosure Tickets Rs. 10 each to all non-subscribers.

8. At settling, no order, I. O. U., &c., will be accepted in payment of accounts, and any one absent from settling without a representative to pay on his behalf will be reported to the C. T. C. the following day.

9. No accounts will be paid to winners until all losings have been received.

10. Five per cent. will be deducted from the total amount of each lottery and Pari Mutuel for the benefit of the Race Fund.

11. Horses requiring ageing and measuring to be at the Race Stand at 8 A. M., 27th, 28th, and 29th September 1877. No pony will be allowed to start till he has been measured by the Stewards or any person they may appoint.


12. Any one making an objection must deposit Rs. 50 with the Honorary Secretary, which will be forfeited to the Fund if the objection be considered frivolous by the Stewards, who may decline to entertain any objection made after a race which could have been made before it.

13. Any race not filling may be reconstructed by the Stewards, who may postpone the races indefinitely in case of bad weather, or alter the order of running on any day as they think fit.

14. Rule 88, paras. 5, 6 and 7, C. T. C. Rules, will be strictly enforced, and owners will be liable for any fines incurred by jockeys in their employment if the jockeys are unable to pay.

15. A Course Fee of Rs. 4 per month for each horse trained on the Course to be paid to the Honorary Secretary; one week's training renders a horse liable for this fee for a month.

*The Honorary Secretary.*

 All communications to be addressed, Honorary Secretary, Dehra Races, Dehra.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE UMBALLA AUTUMN MEETING,— 1877.

### *Stewards:*

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GORE OUSELEY, Esq., C. S.    | CAPT. L. H. E. TUCKER.        |
| COLONEL FOSTER, 1-12th REGT. | „ SEYMOUR BARROW, 10th BL.    |
| „ MANNING, 25th P.N.I.       | „ TAYLOR, 11th P.A.O.         |
| CAPT. W. A. ROBERTS, R.H.A.  | HUSSARS.                      |
|                              | P. K. L. BEAVER, Esq., R.H.A. |

*Hony. Secretary* ... J. C. KINCHANT, Esq., XIth P. A. O. HUSSARS.

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FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1877.

**The Lilliputian Stakes.** For all maiden Country-bred Ponies. 13hds. 2in. and under, 13hds. 2 in. to carry 9st. ; 2lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. under. To close and name at 1 P.M. the day before the Race. Entrance Rs. 10, added Rs. 200. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

**The Paget Park Plate.** For all Country-breds. Calcutta weight for age. Entrance 15th July, Rs. 20 ; 1st September, Rs. 40 ; 1st October, Rs. 100, when the Race will close. Added Rs. 500. Distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

**The Derby Sweep Cup.** A steeplechase for all horses, which have never won a steeplechase of the value of Rs. 200 in any country previous to the 1st May, 1877. English and Colonials 11st. 7lbs. ; Country-breds 9st. 7lbs. ; Arabs 8st. 7lbs. ; Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. Horses that have never started allowed 4lbs. A winner of any steeplechase value Rs. 200, once, 5lbs. ; twice or oftener, 10lbs. extra. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 1,500. Distance about 3 miles.

**The Sirhind Derby.** For all maiden Arabs. Calcutta weight for age. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 1,000. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

**The Sirhind St. Leger.** For all Maiden horses. Calcutta weight for age and class. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 500. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 1877.

**The Tom Thumb Plate.** For all Arab and Country-bred Ponies, 13hds. 2in. and under ; 13hds. 2in. to carry 9st. 7lbs. ; 2lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. under. Country-breds allowed 10lbs. in addition to other allowances. To close and name 19th October. Entrance Rs. 10. Added Rs. 200. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

**The Oriental Plate.** For All Arabs and Country-breds. Calcutta weight for age and class. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 800. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

**The Umballa Cup.** A steeplechase for all horses 15 hands and under ; 15 hands to carry 12st. ; 2lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch under. Winner of any steeplechase value Rs. 200, once, 5lbs. ; twice, 10lbs. ; three times or one of the value of Rs. 1,000 14lbs. extra. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 1,000. Distance about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The Drawing Room Stakes. For all horses. 14 hands 2 inches to carry 7st. ; 2lbs. added or allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch over or under. No penalties or allowances of any kind. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 600. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

Visitors' Plate. For all Galloways 14 hands and under ; 14 hands to carry 9st. 7lbs. ; 2lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch under. Country-breds allowed 5lbs. in addition to other allowances. Colonials to carry 3lbs. extra. Entrances 1st September Rs. 20 ; 1st October Rs. 40, when the race will close. Added Rs. 400. Distance 1 mile.

### THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1877.

The Whim Plate. A handicap for all ponies 13 hands 2 inches and under. Entrances on the 22nd. The handicap will be published at 9 A. M., and acceptances in writing up to 1 P. M. the 23rd. Added Rs. 300. Distance 5 furlongs.

Valuation Selling Stakes. Horses entered to be sold for Rs. 500 to carry 9st. 7lbs. ; 5lbs. added for every Rs. 100 more. Winner to be sold and any surplus over stated value to be divided between owner of second horse and Fund. No penalties or allowances of any kind. Entrances 1st September Rs. 20 ; 1st October Rs. 40, when the race will close. Added Rs. 400. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

The Grand Annual Steeplechase. For all horses. English and Colonials to carry 11st. 7lbs. ; Country-breds 10st. ; Arabs 9st. Horses that never started previous to this Meeting allowed 4lbs. Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. A winner of any Steeplechase value of Rs. 500 to carry 4lbs. extra ; of two such or one of the value of Rs. 1,000, 7lbs. extra ; of three such or one of the value Rs. 2,500, 14lbs. extra. Entrances, &c., as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 2,000. Distance about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The Sensation Handicap. For all Arabs, Country-breds and Galloways. Entrances on the 22nd. Handicap will be published at 9 A. M., and acceptances up to 1 P. M., the 23rd. A sweep of Rs. 30 for all accepting. Added Rs. 600. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

The Autumn Cup. A handicap for all horses. Entrance on the 22nd. Handicap will be published at 9 A. M., and acceptances up to 1 P. M., 23rd October. A sweep of Rs. 50 for all accepting. Added Rs. 1,000. Distance  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.



## FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1877.

**The Dwarf Chase.** For all ponies 13 hands 2 inches and under; 13 hands 2 inches to carry 12st.; 2lbs. allowed for every  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch under. Country-breds allowed 7lbs. in addition to other allowances. Colonials 5lbs. extra. A winner of any steeplechase value Rs. 100, once, 5lbs.; twice or oftener 10lbs. extra. Entrance Rs. 10 on the 19th October. Added Rs. 300. Distance about 2 miles.

**The Hunt Cup.** A steeplechase for all Arabs, Country-breds, and Galloways. Country-breds 11st. 7lbs.; Arabs 11st.; Galloways 10st. 7lbs.; winner of any steeplechase value Rs. 200, once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; three times, 14lbs. extra. The winner of the Cob Chase to carry a special penalty of 7lbs. extra. Entrances as for the Paget Park Plate. Added Rs. 600. Distance about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**The Grand Stand Plate.** A Handicap Steeplechase for all horses. Entrances on 24th. Handicap will be published by 9 A. M., and Acceptances in writing up to 1 P. M. the 25th. A sweep of Rs. 50 for all accepting. Four horses in separate interests to start or only Rs. 500 will be given. Added Rs. 1,000. Distance about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**The Stewards' Cup.** A Welter Handicap for all horses. Entrances on the 24th. Handicap will be published at 9 A. M., and Acceptances in writing up to 1 P. M. the 25th. G. R. Professionals 5lbs. extra. A sweep of Rs. 30 for all accepting. Added Rs. 600. Distance 2 miles 2 furlongs and 28 yards.

**The Cesarewitch.** A Handicap for all Arabs, Country-breds and Galloways. Entrances on the 24th. Handicap will be published at 9 A. M., and Acceptances in writing up to 1 P. M. the 25th. A sweep of Rs. 30 for all accepting. Added Rs. 700. Distance 2 miles 2 furlongs and 28 yards.

## RULES.

1. The Flat Races will be run under the Calcutta Turf Club Rules and the Steeplechases and Hurdle Races under the English Grand National Steeplechase Rules excepting where otherwise provided.

The decision of the Local Stewards to be final except on questions of Racing Law which may be referred to the Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club.

2. No course or scale fees, or enforced subscriptions at this Meeting.

3. All Entrances and Acceptances to be made in writing and sent to the Honorary Secretary at the times appointed. All Penalties, Confederacies, Allowances and Colours to be declared in writing at the time of entry and the amount of Entrances when less than Rs. 100 sent, or the next higher rates will be charged. Any one riding in wrong colours will be fined Rs. 10.

4. Penalties and Allowances. Previous winners (Handicaps included) once, 3lbs. ; twice or of a race value Rs. 1,000, 7lbs. ; thrice, 10lbs. ; four times or of a race value 2,000 Rs. 14lbs. ; extra. Maidens allowed (except in Maiden races) 7lbs.

*N. B.*—This Rule does not apply to Steeplechases.

5. All Maiden horses landed in this country after the 1st October 1876, allowed 4lbs.

6. Three horses on *bond fide* separate interests to run or half the added money will be withheld. 20 per cent. of added money will be given for a W. O.

7. Horses without approved Certificate will be aged or measured whenever convenient.

8. Any one making an objection to deposit Rs. 50 with the Honorary Secretary which will be forfeited to the Fund if the objection be considered frivolous by the Stewards.

9. No alteration can be made in the Lottery Papers after they are drawn and closed. No division of a horse under  $\frac{1}{8}$ th allowed in the Books.

10. An owner is allowed to claim half his horse in any Lottery. Lotteries will be held whenever convenient.

11. Five per cent. will be deducted from the total amount of each Lottery and Pari-Mutuel for the benefit of the Race Fund. A charge of Re. 1 will be made for accounts to all who take tickets in Lotteries or Pari-Mutuel.

12. No payments will be made to winners until all the losers have paid in full.

13. Stand or Enclosure tickets :—Single Gentlemen 10 Rs. Family ticket 16 Rs. to be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

14. Comparing day at noon the 29th. Settling at noon the; 30th October 1877.

15. A portion of the Steeplechase Course will be reserved for training purposes up to the day before the commencement of the meeting after which no horse will be allowed to practise over the Steeplechase Course.

Early application for stables requested.

All communications to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary to the Races, and not to any one by name.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE BALLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT TOLLYGUNGE, ON THE 5TH AND  
12TH JANUARY 1878.

*Stewards:*

J. J. J. KESWICK, Esq.

E. A. THURBURN, Esq.

J. SMITH, Esq.

CAPT. LORD W. BERESFORD,

A.D.C.

ROBERTS, R.H.A.

„ W. A. J. WALLACE, R.E.

J. H. EDWARDS, Esq.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 5TH JANUARY 1878.

The Trial Chase Cup. Value Rs. 500. Presented by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. Distance about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. For horses owned by members of the Association, purchased unconditionally for not more than Rs. 1,000, and which have never won a race, or chase, at any meeting. Weights as per scale at foot.

Allowances:—Horses purchased for not more than Rs. 800 allowed 5lbs., and for not more than Rs. 600 allowed 10lbs., horses landed on or after 1st July 1877, allowed 5lbs. Owners riding their own horses allowed 5lbs. in addition to all other allowances. Entrances on 15th November 1877, Rs. 10; on 28th December 1877, Rs. 20; when the race will close.

The Ballygunge Cup. Value Rs. 1,000. Presented by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. Distance about 3 miles. For horses owned by members of the Association. Weights as per scale at foot.

**Penalties:—**Winners once of any previous race or chase to carry 7lbs. ; winners twice or more 10lbs. extra.

**Allowances:—**Horses landed on or after the 1st July 1877, allowed 5lbs. Entrances on 15th November 1877, Rs. 16 ; on 28th December 1877, Rs. 25 ; when the race will close.

**The Open Steeplechase.** For a Purse of the value noted below, added to a sweepstakes of two gold mohurs from all starters. Open to all horses.

Distance, Weights, Penalties, and Allowances same as in the Ballygunge Cup. If with the *bonâ fide* intention of going the Course,

|                                                             |     |     |     |   | Winner to receive |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|-------------------|
| 5 or more horses on <i>bonâ fide</i> separate interests run | Rs. |     |     |   | 1,000             |
| 4 only                                                      | do. | do. | do. | " | 700               |
| 3 "                                                         | do. | do. | do. | " | 400               |
| 2 "                                                         | do. | do. | do. | " | 300               |

First nomination to be made on 15th November 1877, Rs. 32 ; second to be made on 15th December 1877, Rs. 48 ; third and last to be made on 28th December 1877, Rs. 64 ; when declarations to be made. Half forfeit. Winner to receive Purse and half sweepstakes, and the second horse the other half of sweepstakes.

#### SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1878.

**The Suburban Cup.** Value Rs. 500. Presented by the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. Distance about 2½ miles. A handicap for horses owned by members of the Association, purchased unconditionally for not more than Rs. 1,000. Owners riding their own horses allowed 5lbs. off the handicap weights. Entrances on 15th November 1877, Rs. 10 ; on 28th December 1877, Rs. 20 ; and on 5th January 1878, Rs. 32 ; when the race closes.

**The Calcutta Cup.** Value Rs. 1,000. Presented by the community of Calcutta. Distance about 3 miles. A handicap for all horses owned by members of the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association. Entrances on 15th November 1877, Rs. 16 ; on 28th December 1877, Rs. 32 ; and on 5th January 1878, Rs. 48 ; when the race closes.

**The Open Handicap.** Open to all horses. To be run over the Ballygunge Cup Course. If with the *bonâ fide* intention of going the Course,

|                                                             |     |  |     |   | Winner to receive. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|---|--------------------|
| 6 or more horses on <i>bonâ fide</i> separate interests run | Rs. |  |     |   | 600                |
| 4 only                                                      | do. |  | do. | " | 500                |
| 3 "                                                         | do. |  | do. | " | 400                |
| 2 "                                                         | do. |  | do. | " | 300                |

to which is to be added a Sweepstakes of one gold mohur from all starters, of which the winner to receive half, and the second horse the balance.

Entrances on 15th November 1877, Rs. 16 ; on 28th December 1877, Rs. 32 ; and on 5th January 1878, Rs. 48 ; when the race closes.

### RULES.

1. The above races, with the exception of the Open Steeple chase and the Open Handicap, will be run under the Rules of the Ballygunge Steeplechase Association, which are as follows :—

(a.)—Every owner shall be a member of the Association, and riders not members of the Association shall carry 5lbs. extra, when riding in any race the prize for which is given by the Association.

(b.)—Every horse shall be *bond fide* the sole and unconditional property of a member or members of the Association.

(c.)—No objection to qualification shall be received after the start for any race.

(d.)—No presentation shall be made by the Association to any race, unless at least four horses, representing *bond fide* four separate interests start, with the *bond fide* intention of going round the Course.

2. The Stewards' decision as to whether the terms of Rule (d) above have been fulfilled to be final.

3. All entrances will go to the Race Fund, except where otherwise specified.

4. Full particulars of horses, rides, and colours to be sent with entries, and if entrance fees are not sent with entries, the entries are liable to be refused. All entrance fees must be paid by the day on which the last entries for a race close. Entries will not be accepted from any person known to be a defaulter for any entrance fees, betting, or race lottery transaction.

5. The handicaps will be made by the Stewards and published on the second day after the first day's racing.

6. No allowance for mares or geldings.

7. Any objection in respect of running or riding to be made before the rider weighs after a race.

8. Colours to be worn in all races, and riders appearing in wrong colours are liable to a fine of Rs. 10.

9. In case any race does not fill, the Stewards have the power to make another, or, if necessary, from want of funds, to make a rateable deduction from the value of prizes, and have further power to postpone the races in case of bad weather, and to alter the order of the races on either day.

10. Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of each Lottery and Pari-Mutuel for the benefit of the Race Fund.

11. The Course will be made by the Stewards, or some one appointed by them for the purpose, and will be flagged out; but riders may choose their own line between the jumps.

12. Any horse taken over any made jump on the Course prior to the race in which he may be entered, will be disqualified, and his rider will be liable to a fine of two Gold Mohurs.

13. Decision of the Stewards to be final *on all* questions. No appeal anywhere.

14. Winners of races at the Calcutta, Barrackpore, or Dum-Dum, Monsoon Sky Races, are not considered winners under the terms of this Prospectus.

15. All communications to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Ballygunge Steeplechase Meeting, Race Stand, Calcutta.

#### SCALE OF WEIGHTS.

|                      | 4 years and<br>under. | 5 years. | 6 years and<br>aged. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| English ... ..       | 11·4                  | 11·10    | 12·                  |
| Australian ... ..    | 10·11                 | 11·3     | 11·7                 |
| Capes .. ...         | 10·4                  | 10·10    | 11·                  |
| Country-breds ... .. | 9·4                   | 9·10     | 10·                  |
| Arabs ... ..         | 8·11                  | 9·3      | 9·7                  |

By order of the Stewards,

C. HARTLEY,

*Honorary Secretary.*

*N. B.*—Particular attention is called to the fact that the Ballygunge Cup, The Suburban Cup, Trial Chase Cup, and the Calcutta Cup are only open to Members of the Association. The Open Steeplechase and the Open Handicap are thrown open to all.

## RACING FIXTURES, 1877-78.

|                               |                   | 1877.                                |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Bangalore Races ...           | July ..           | 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th,<br>and 26th. |  |
| Bangalore Steeple-<br>chases. | Ditto ..          | 28th.                                |  |
| Poona Races ..                | September..       | 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th,<br>and 20th. |  |
| Dehra ..                      | October ...       | 2nd, 4th, and 6th.                   |  |
| Umballa Autumn<br>Meeting.    | Ditto ...         | 20th, 22nd, 24th, and<br>26th.       |  |
| Vizianagram Races             | November..        | 8th, 10th, 13th, and<br>15th.        |  |
| Sonepore* ..                  | Ditto ...         | 15th, 17th, 20th, and<br>22nd.       |  |
| Barrackpore* ...              | Ditto ...         | 15th and 17th.                       |  |
| Calcutta Races ..             | December<br>1878. | 22nd, 24th, 27th and<br>29th.        |  |
| Ballygunge Steeple-<br>chase. | January ..        | 5th and 12th.                        |  |
| Madras Races ...              | Ditto ..          | 17th 19th, 23rd, and<br>26th.        |  |

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