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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Wants a Stallion Race.

SIR,—I see by a recent notice that the present Directors of the Driving Park have apparently omitted a stallion race from the list of next fall's races, and given a large purse for a "free-for-all." I suppose trusting to stallions entering for it. They have, I believe, made a great mistake. A "free-for-all" race to our people means nothing; and if open, as it should be, to the Maritime Provinces, any unknown mare or gelding may win it. It has no attractive power. The wire may be crossed in 2 30 or 2 45. On the contrary, a stallion race means a contest for blood between favorite known horses, and the interest in it begins at the moment the race is announced, and becomes more intense every day as the match day approaches, and the time made will almost to a certainty be the fastest ever made on the island. The two best attended races ever held in this Province were stallion races—first between Hernando and Pilot, and again when Israel and Golden fought with others for first place. Who that saw the grand stand at the last-named race, can have any doubt that brought the people that day; and what brought them then will bring them again, and in larger numbers, for we have now more stallions of speed in this Province than ever before, and Israel waits, with a number of promising young stallions in the neighboring Provinces, only an opportunity to lower his record in a stallion race.

First, then, it will be a better drawing card. Again, which will probably fill best? I unhesitatingly say the stallion race. It is just such a contest as the owners of really good horses want. The competition in the stud is keen to-day. The time is gone by when every worthless brute, not fast enough to get out of his own way, can command much stud work, simply because he has a number after his name, and, in the words of Mr. Tasig, is probably "an absolutely worthless animal depending solely on the departed greatness of his ancestors for distinction."

Breeders to-day value standard rank only as one evidence of speed-producing power; laying much more stress on the individual animal and his own performances. This is a race where horse is fairly matched against horse and where the breeder can form an intelligent opinion, and separate the grain from the chaff. And this, Sir, is the race which no stallion claiming potency in producing trotters can afford to remain out of. Let the first payment of entrance money be on the first day of June next, and with the best track in the Provinces, how many owners of trotting stallions claiming any individual merit can afford to have their names omitted from that advance list? None, who have gauged the intelligence of our people fairly, and who wish to succeed in the stud, and who, again to quote Mr. Tasig, believe with him that the horse bred to trot, which cannot trot, is a failure, and who will probably follow his advice, "Don't breed to such a one, he cannot transmit a power he does not himself possess."

Then, secondly, it will be a well-filled race. Now, I doubt if "a free-for-all" will be. I can think of just now no fast mares or geldings likely to enter, and if our races are after those of St. John and Halifax, where the relative speed of the contestants will be known, the entry of one fast animal will close the entry paper.

A forty-dollar entry fee is not usually paid by horsemen without some hope of a winning place. Again, there is a grave doubt if any stallion will be entered in such a race; there is no honor in a victory for him over a general field, and defeat is doubly dishonorable.

I look on this free-for-all race as the one of the whole lot least likely to fill, most likely, if run, to be a failure as an exhibition of speed, and the purse of four hundred dollars an expenditure of money without ultimate profit.

I would be glad to have you publish the opinions of other horsemen.
BREEDER.
16th March, 1891.

A Fatal Rehearsal.

A terrible scene, by which a well known lion tamer will lose his life, was witnessed at the Hippodrome in Paris on the 10th. The spectacle of "Nero" was being prepared at the Hippodrome, one of the features of the show, as proposed, being an attack by a number of lions on wooden figures so arranged in the arena as to represent human beings. Seats, the lion tamer, had just concluded the day's drilling of six lions for this performance, and was driving them back into their cages, when one of them sullenly refused to re-enter his cage. Seats managed to cage the five remaining lions, and then turned his attention to the rebellious animal, which had angrily taken refuge in a neighboring passage. Seats armed himself with a lance, and tried to dislodge the refractory lion, but in so doing he tripped and lost hold of his lance, the weapon rolling several yards away from him. Before the lion tamer could regain possession of the lance the angry lion sprang on the unfortunate man, hurled him to the floor and bit and rent him in a most horrible manner. Seats' cries for help soon brought another of the trainers to the scene. The latter caught up the lance and gallantly attacked the lion, inflicting a severe wound in the animal's forehead. Covered by the wound, the lion released Seats and slunk into its cage. Medical attendance was promptly sent for, and everything possible was done to save the lion tamer's life, but the latest reports are that he is in a dying condition.

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Behring Sea Question.

A COMMUNICATION FROM LORD SALISBURY ON THE SUBJECT MADE PUBLIC.

Sir Julian Pauncefote received a few days ago a communication from Lord Salisbury on the Behring Sea controversy, which he laid before Secretary Blaine. Lord Salisbury says: It is a matter of sincere satisfaction that the president is willing to refer to arbitration what he conceives to be matters under discussion between the two governments the last four years. In regard to the questions proposed by Mr. Blaine, I should say as to the first and second that no objection can be offered by Her Majesty's government. They are:

First—What exclusive jurisdiction in Behring Sea, what exclusive rights in seal fisheries therein, did Russia assert and exercise prior to the time of the cessation of Alaska to the United States?

Second—How far were these claims of jurisdiction as to seal fisheries recognized and conceded by Great Britain.

Third—Was the body of water now known as Behring Sea included in the phrase Pacific Ocean as used in the treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia? What rights, if any, in the Behring Sea were given or conceded Great Britain by said treaty?

Her Majesty's government have no objection to referring to arbitration the first part of that question, with the reservation that they do not admit the decision of it, can conclude the larger question the arbitrator would have to determine.

To the latter part of it they would be ready to take exception. Great Britain has never suggested that any rights were given her or conceded her by said treaty.

Fourth—Did not all rights of Russia as to jurisdiction and seal fisheries in Behring Sea, east of the water boundary, in the treaty between the United States and Russia, of the 30th March, 1867, pass unimpaired to the United States under that treaty? Great Britain is prepared to accept without dispute.

Fifth—What are now the rights of the United States as to fur seal fisheries in Behring Sea outside the ordinary territorial limits, whether such rights grew out of the cession by Russia of any special rights or jurisdiction held by her in such fisheries.

The first clause would be very properly referred to the decision of the arbitrator. The subsequent clause, which assumes that such rights could have grown out of the ownership of breeding islands and the habits of seals in resorting thereto, involves assumption as to the prescriptions of international law at the present time, to which Her Majesty's government is not prepared to accede.

The sixth relating to establish the closed period in seal fishing deals with issues which will arise later.

Persecuted by Mormons.

HUSBAND GOES CRAZY AND WIFE SEEKS HER GIRLHOOD HOME IN MAINE.

A peculiarly sad case is that of Mrs. Annie Thomas, who passed through Sudas, N. Y., on the 10th, on her way from Utah to Wales, with her four fatherless children. She had been in this country five years, her husband being employed in the mines at Scofield, Utah.

The Mormons demanded some time ago that the family join them. Thomas refused, and thereafter was subjected to such persecution that in the early part of last month he felt that he could endure it no longer.

The threats upon his life had so affected his mind that even after he was on the train and outside the territory he thought he was being followed by persons who meant to kill him. He jumped overboard while crossing the Detroit River and was drowned.

Mrs. Thomas, who seemed to share the same fears, became well-nigh distracted, and to add to her misery, she was left with no money or railway ticket. Kind-hearted passengers paid her fare and aided her in every way possible.

The Tale of a Medium.

More than 100 days ago Capt. E. L. Norton sailed from New York for Europe on a small steamer of the same name, for which he claimed the quality of being unusable by storm and flood. He has never been seen since. Now one of the members of his company has heard from the ill-fated craft through a Brooklyn medium. The medium declares that Capt. Norton died of starvation when 80 days out from New York, his wife and niece, who accompanied him, having died a few days before. The little ship, the story goes, met a terrific cyclone and was driven far to the southward with the loss of a smoke-stack and deck-house. At present the wreck was about 3,600 miles east of Brazil and Engineer Coulson was the only survivor.

Leniency for the Drunks.

Boston will be a paradise for "drunks" if the house committee on the judiciary reports favorably upon a bill which was considered by the committee on the 10th. The bill provides for the release of every drunk as soon as he sobers off enough to make a formal request for freedom, if he can prove that he has not been arrested for drunkenness twice before within the preceding twelve months. If the prisoner doesn't know enough to ask for his release the bill provides that the officer in charge of the station house shall notify him of his rights.

After being notified if the prisoner insists upon remaining in his cell the regular legal machinery will be started and he will be taken to the island if he can't pay his fine. The object of the bill is to deal more leniently with casual drunks and to provide more severe punishment for habitual drunkards. There is more than an even chance of this or a similar measure going through the legislature.

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