



THE TRAINED JOCKEY.

The Ups and Downs in the Life of a Professional Horseman.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(Special Correspondence)—So familiar has jockeying become in America that the successful jockey is a personage of considerable importance. Owing to their enormous salaries and regal gifts they are enabled frequently to retire with fortunes of several hundred thousand dollars...

Something About the Amateurs.

There was considerably more amateur baseball played in this city during the season just closed than is generally supposed. There being no city league or city league of any kind, however, the claim of various clubs that they won the championship, is not tenable. There was much good ball played and much that was not so good, but there seems to be way in which to sift out one from the other.

GETTING MOUNT.

Horseflesh seems to be a natural attribute with some of them, and as soon as this makes itself evident the boy is "given a mount." This apparently unimportant phrase means that the boy has been given a horse to ride on, and it is the open sesame to all stable fellowship. To "get his mount" constitutes his sole aim, for until then he is recognized by the fraternity as a "stray."

With the Ball and Bat.

ALREADY the cranks are getting tired talking about the wonderful race just closed. They have discussed and re-discussed it from every known standpoint, and expatiated on this phase and that until the intricacies of the subject have all been mastered, and all grounds for argument have been consumed. The merits and demerits of the various players, umpires and magnates have been exhaustively discussed upon, and the orators are all harked up for another round of the same old game.

Expanding Gasps of the Game.

It is quite apparent that Baltimore didn't win that pennant any more. New York's four straight victories in the Tompkins cup series show fairly the relative strength of the teams. Members of the Giants carried off nearly \$1,000 each, and the Orioles nearly \$700 each, the result of their post season exhibition.

faces. I heard one remark to another that "he was that stumplin' hungry he thought he could eat his pigs," the latter referring to his riding breeches, which are made either of pig or mule skin, the other replies, "he was layin' for tomorrow, when he was to have a steak if he finished first." They were eventually enabled to live with very little discomfort, so that many of them ride at 120 pounds when they are men 40 years of age.

Manager Ellington of the Sandy Grizzlies asserts that his team, an originally organized team, which will compare with any of the numerous teams with which it was contemporary. They played 21 games, won 16, and lost 5. Ellington claims that the team who figured in the field during the latter part of the season, the "Reds," was not his team, and in fact was not a regularly organized team at all.

The Hayden Brothers team was a good one, but except in an occasional game, they were not the Orchard. The Palcoons played a great many games, winning a majority, but they did not play many games.

The West Omahas, while they lost more than they won, embraced a good all-around lot of players. The Daisies were crack-jacks while they lasted. The Daisies were daisies, indeed, and it was rare thing that they were not left.

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At first a stable boy is allowed to perform minor duties, such as carrying water, keeping the stable clean, and mending harness. When the trainer thinks he knows enough, he is put on a horse and taught the arts of a jockey. Finally he is allowed to ride a race. And that is the end of his career.

I approached the jockey who had ridden the victor and asked him a question. He was a man of about 40 years of age, weighing seventy pounds. I was referred to his valet, who was a tall, strapping Irishman, with a beard, and a certain amount of that wild hair which is the mark of a jockey.

Comparatively few stable boys become professional jockeys. They are unable to keep down their weight. This is the one thing that prevents a jockey from making a good step on the scales. Before and after every race he is required to pick up his saddle, which weighs one pound, and step on the scales. So careful is the clerk of the scales that he tosses a handkerchief on either side, and if the scales vibrate to the pressure, they do not consider them fit to weigh on. If a boy gains a pound or two extra adipose tissue it is an easy matter to reduce him, but should be four or five pounds more, he is a failure.

difference what organization there is in the coming year, they will not be found wanting in the way of a good team and good ball.

The Omaha Whist Club. The Omaha Whist club held its annual election in its pleasant club rooms on the seventh floor of the Bee building at the regular club meeting Wednesday evening following, which resulted in the choice of the following officers:

W. J. Hawkes, president; C. W. Tillson, vice president; Stokton Heth, secretary and treasurer; and Will Whitton, Harry Reed, A. J. Love and V. P. Musselman, executive committee.

The report of Secretary Jordan showed the club to be out of debt and with a satisfactory fund in the treasury. Without an exception the Omaha Whist club is one of the best and most successful organizations in the city, its growing rapidly and promises to be a permanent institution.

Wednesday evening Mr. W. J. Scannell made a motion suggesting the advisability of inaugurating for the winter a series of club team tournaments, with the idea of exciting a keener interest generally in the beautiful game of baseball.

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what was in it when they went into the box against Dickerson. Each pitched one game, and each received \$1,000 as his share of the gate money. Meekin has improved in the past few days, and has had a few more so far as can be noted.

Esper pitched thirty-four games during the season, with a record of 17 wins and 17 losses. He is a very popular young man in Omaha, and he hasn't left his success train in the least.

Willie Lutz is a miner's son, 12 years old, and lives in a tumble down shack west of the Illinois Central railroad at Rutland, a mining camp situated in the lower end of La Salle street.

When the great miners' strike began Willie Lutz was in the mood to order to help his father at gardening. He was a very good boy for people about town, so that the family might better struggle against that wolf-in-sheep's-clothing, the strike.

Let's sit up on the track and look around, suggested James Brady, a brown-haired boy, who was the first to speak.

Richard Vaux, the Chesterfield of Philadelphia, has never been to a theater in his life to see a theatrical performance.

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The little fellow tumbled forward, and rolled down the sloping sidewalk into the gutter, for the first time in his life he had been hurt.

That evening deputy United States marshals, together with the sheriff's posse, captured twenty men at the bridge just before the Chicago passenger thunders along.

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