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The flame of chandeliers is ever streaming high, and the stanchion walls in a blaze of crimson light again, and amid its dancing reflections, we are in the waltz, as if the villages of the Rostovians had at length found their fulfilment, and gnomes and kobolds really lived and revelled in the bowels of our globe." This is only a slight portion of Mr. Russell's description. It is marvellous, however, to observe the effects produced by Mr. Bradwell in this place of gems; the seemingly interminable distances, illuminated by the miners' fires and rude chandeliers, the light from glittering and trembling as they fall; the mingled, rich, and ever-varying hues of what appear to be myriads of the most precious stones palling the lustre of all that we have heard or read of in eastern lore.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION.—Mr. Ryan is at present going through a course of most interesting and instructive lectures on Domestic Architecture, having drawn upon the importance of ventilation, and taught the doctrines of heat and light as applicable to the common concerns of life. He has also lectured in his more recent lectures, considered the chemistry of the table. On a recent occasion he gave the chemistry of the breakfast-table, with much effect. Dr. Ryan commenced by stating that the furniture of this country was the least extensive of modern epicureism, that the world had been compassed before a washer-woman could get down to breakfast! Nor is this exaggerated; for as the learned lecturer proved, the furniture of this country must be economical, requires no ordinary preparation. To use his own words:—"Upon a table formed of the rare woods of Honduras is spread the snow-white damask of our own land. Before us are placed the golden wares of China, of Staffordshire, and the lustrous silver, dug from the bowels of some distant land. To gratify our palates we have the fragrant tea-leaf from the Celestial Empire, and the aromatic coffee from the mountain slopes of Java. Here, too, Domingo nor is to be forgotten the luscious produce of the sugar-cane of the West Indian colonies. Thus, to supply the breakfast table, art and ingenuity, and perils by land and sea must be encountered. On each of these topics the Doctor dwelt with much effect—from the bleaching of the domestic tablecloth to the laws of the development during the incubation of the egg, and the audience, who at commencement, seemed to expect merely the common-place topics of the breakfast-table, were delighted to find that when Swiss cheese, French wine, and Scotch whisky instruction in its most delightful and entertaining form.

Sporting Intelligence.

CHESTER, THURSDAY, MAY 7.

This being the all-important day of the week on which the "Tradesmen's Plate" or "Cup" was to be decided—a race which for months has occupied the attention of the betting circles in all parts of the kingdom, it led to the customary excitement in and about Chester, and although remembrance was unfavourable, from slight but refreshing showers, the attendance of the public was very good. The race exceeded all calculation, and when congregated on the course presented a coup d'œil of extraordinary interest. The stands were all filled, while the principal stand was graced by the presence of a long list of fashionables who had been assembled in the vicinity. Anxious inquiries were made, not only as to the state of the betting, but also as to the probability of success, and it was finally discovered that the odds had been reduced to twenty, several of those nags that had previously stood high in public favour having been withdrawn, to the great mortification of those who had pinned their faith on their presumed merits. The first race was appointed to come off at half-past two, and the race of the day, that in the result of which all interest was absorbed, was fixed for four o'clock—due time being allowed to the competitors to make a quiet onset, with his accustomed tack, by Lord George Bentinck, who again undertook the troublesome office of marshalling the jockeys and superintending the start. It was provided that the competitors should form a double line, the position of each jockey, as last year, to be determined by ballot, and, in order to prevent confusion, it was also provided that "all horses starting in the second race, and which were not allowed to do so, should be placed in the places assigned them by lot, proceed to the rear of the second rank, and take up their positions on the extreme right of the line, or make up favourable part of the course. The betting upon the cup just previous to the start was as follows:—

Betting.—2 to 1 agst Pittalban; 1½ to 2 agst Senierissa; 8 to 1 Ould Ireland; 12 to 1 against Trueblue; 12 to 1 agst Sorella; 12 to 1 agst Catancee; 25 to 1 agst Milton; 40 to 1 agst Sorella; 25 to 1 agst Curiosity; 6 to 1 agst Corralle (taken); 4 to 1 agst Queen of Tyne; and 40 to 1 agst Intrepid.

Shortly before four o'clock, all the starters were drawn up by Lord George Bentinck at the back of the course on the Dee side, and from thence were marched in ordinary time to the starting post. Unfortunately a heavy shower came on, during which the flags dropped, and all were off amidst a universal shout of exclamation. The rain increased in violence, and the race was finally abandoned, notwithstanding all ended by the favourites being beaten, and an unthought-of outsider proclaimed the winner after a severe race from end to end. There was a long tail, and the jockeys thoroughly soaked. The race was over at half-past-four, upon to which time the "decisions" were as follows:

The Two-year-old Sweepstakes of 25 sows each; colts 8st 5lb; fillies &c., 8st 2lb. Five furlongs. Seventeen runners.

Lord G. Bentinck's Princess Alice.....(Whitehouse) 3
J. O'Brien's The Traveller..... 2
Lord Chesterfield's Curiosity..... 3

The following also started but were not placed:—Mr. S. Standish's Amelia, Mr. Worthington's e/c Stockport out of Manilla, Lord Eglington's Stodes, Mr. Mostyn's e/c by Netman Platoff out of Miss Thomasina, Mr. W. R. Ramsey's Queen Mary, Mr. Thompson's f/y Tory Boy out of Catherine, and Mrs. J. Gordon's e/c Venus.

Betting.—5 to 1 agst Prince Alfred, 4 to 1 agst Manilla colt, 5 to 1 agst Sorella, 4 to 1 agst Curiosity, 6 to 1 agst The Traveller, and 7 to 1 agst Miss Thomasina colt.

Princess Alice made nearly all the running, and won easily by a length, Traveller beating Curiosity for second place by a neck, Stodes fourth.

The Tradesmen's Plate of 200 sows, added to a Handicap of 25 sows each, of 15, and 5 only if declared. Twice round, from the Grosvenor Post to the coming-in chair. One hundred and thirty-five sows, 32 of whom paid five shillings.

Mrs. Secombe's Intrepid (h b), 4 yrs, 6st 6lb(Arthur) 1
Mr. Gully's St. Lawrence, aged, 8st 9lb 2
Mr. Moryn's Milton, 4 yrs, 6st 8lb 3
Mr. Hesselcliff's Pittalban, 4 yrs, 5st 4

The following also started, but were not placed:—
Mr. Meiklan's Trueblue, 3 yrs, 8st 5lb 0
Mrs. Wessley's Counselor, 6 yrs, 8st 2lb 0
Mr. Osbaldeston's Sorella, 7 yrs, 8st 12lb 0
Mr. Bagshaw's Senierissa, 5 yrs, 7st 8lb 0
Mr. Ashurst's Amelia, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb 0
Mr. Brough's Sorella, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb 0
Mr. Armstrong's Beatrice, 6 yrs, 7st 2lb 0
Mr. Scott's Contraband, 5 yrs, 6st 10lb 0
Mr. S. Standish's Little Hampton, 6 yrs, 6st 9lb 0
Mr. R. W. Dulleke's Henry, 4 yrs, 6st 9lb 0
Mr. Osborne's The Old Maid, 5 yrs, 6st 0
Lord Mersey's Steadfast, 3 yrs, 6st 0
Mr. Gully's Queen Mary, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb 0
Mr. Robinson's April Nocturne, 4 yrs, 5st 15lb 0
Mr. Lewin's Old Ireland, 3 yrs, 5lb 0
Mr. Sharpe's Porto Bello, 3 yrs, 5st 5lb 0

Won in a canter.

CHESTER, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, TWELVE O'CLOCK.—Mr. Gully has objected to Intrepid, on the ground that he is not thoroughbred, and the stakes are withheld. The proofs rest with Mr. Gully.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

The *Magnate of Westminster's Plate.*

Mr. Moryn's Milton 1
Mr. Seavin's Marian Ramsay 1
Mr. W. Scott's Cataract 2
Three others started. Won cleverly.

The *Dee Stew Cup.*

Mr. Collett's Coranna 1
Mr. Osbaldeston's Sorella 2
Three others started. A good race.

The *Chester St. Ledger.*

Mr. Bennett's The Libel 1
Lord G. Bentinck's Miss Elizabeth 2
Several others ran. Won by a length.

The *Walter Cup.*

Lord G. Bentinck's Newarth 1
Mr. Shafro's Porto Bello 2
Six ran.

The objection against Intrepid is withdrawn.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

The Free Handicap of 10 sows, with 50 pounds. Three quarters of a mile. Twenty competitors.

Mr. Irvine's Sorella, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb(Pigot) 1
Mr. Jaques's Senierissa, 5 yrs, 8st 2lb 2

The following also ran.—Mr. Collett's Coranna, 6 yrs, 9st 2lb—Mr. Thompson's Littleham, aged, 6st 8lb—Mr. S. Standish's Susan, 4 yrs, 6st 11lb—Mr. Robinson's April Nocturne, 4 yrs, 6st 8lb—Mr. Dawson's Grim. Con, 3 yrs, 5st—Lord G. Bentinck's My Mary, 3 yrs, 6st—Mr. Halford's Queen, 3 yrs, 6st—Mr. Pettigrew's Yarrow, 4 yrs, 4st 2lb—and Lord Stanley's Padm Spring, 3 yrs, 4st 6lb (retired at 8lb).

Betting.—6 to 4 agst Senierissa, 7 to 2 agst My Mary, and 5 to 1 agst Ould Ireland.

The race was entirely between the two horses placed, and was won only by a head. Coranna, My Mary, Crim, and Intrepid, ran in close together about two twelfths from the winning post.

Match.—200 sows, h f, Cup Course.

Captain Peyton's Extempore, 5 yrs, 8st., (Templarian) 1
Mr. Langshaw's British Tart, 4 yrs, 8st., ... 1

Betting.—2 to 1 on British Tart. Won by a length.

The Cheshire Stakes of 25 sows each, 15 ft, and 5 only if declared, with 50 added; the second to save from the stake and the winner to pay 10 sows to the fund. From the Trent to 2½ miles.

Mr. Gully's Sorella, 7 yrs, 8st 12lb 1
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