

# A BIG DAY AT HUNTINGTON.

Yesterday's delightful weather was sent along by Jupiter Pluvius especially to recompense the Directors of the big Live Stock Fair at Huntington for his shameful treatment of them on their opening day, and the jolly old sun and deliciously cool breeze brought out the largest crowd of the week to appropriately wind up the exhibition. The comparatively clean roads induced the visitors to bring out their newest carriages and shiniest harness and the sober-toned dresses and wraps and dismal black waterproofs and umbrellas of the preceding days were replaced by brilliant Fall costumes and gayly-tinted parasols. Everybody seemed in the best possible spirits and eager to enjoy the excellent programme of the day, and even the beasts and fowls on exhibition seemed to catch the infectious good feeling and prinked an unusual length of time over their matutinal toilets.

The first crowd of the morning gathered about the poultry pen in which an old gamecock on exhibition as the hero of many a hard-fought battle was situated. The pedigree card, tacked on the front of his coop, gave the astonishing information that he was hatched in 1785, and for the time being he was a greater object of interest than the two-headed calf in the half-dime museum near by. People fairly climbed on each other's shoulders to get a peep at this feathered Methuselah, until his owner came along with a big brush full of black paint and transposed the two middle figures of the date of his birth. Then the disgusted on-lookers moved away to watch the judges award diplomas in the flower, fruit, and vegetable exhibits.

The vegetable show contained some monster farm products; among them one ear of corn containing over 1,200 kernels, several potatoes weighing a pound apiece, a pumpkin as big as a Saratoga trunk, and some tomatoes as big and as red as toy balloons. The prize winners in this department were Miss Nina Prime, O. E. Schmidt, Richard Colyer, Fred Wicks, S. K. Gould, B. S. Conklin, A. Gardiner, J. C. Baylis, D. P. Brush, A. Beatty, E. B. Gildersleeve, Phil Place, John Caryl, W. W. Wood, G. W. Smith, Henry Gorman, Reed & Furnell, Nathan Conklin, Rinaldo Sammis, George Bolzenthal, Richard Mason, G. A. Sammis, Daniel Pettigrew, C. D. Smith, Z. K. Oakley, Alonzo Buffett, T. F. Hassett, J. S. Book, E. Baylis, Jr., C. P. Holmes, and James Maxwell.

In the flower show the principal awards were taken by Reed & Furnell, James Irwin, Mrs. H. G. Brush, Miss Julia Adams, and W. L. Swan.

The fruit judges had the pleasantest task of all, and were the envy of all observers as they tested the merits of great golden pears, red and yellow-cheeked shining apples, velvet-coated peaches, and perfumed bunches of bursting grapes. They distributed one or more diplomas to J. B. Smith, J. S. Carr, Dr. W. Lindsay, W. W. Sammis, G. W. Mahan, O. S. Sammis, Reuben Brush, Timothy Smith, Ezra Smith, Joseph Maxwell, Monroe Burt, R. C. Collyer, C. D. Smith, T. H. Brush, and Thomas Young.

F. W. Burgess took first diploma for honey and honeycomb. B. Vail and A. E. Hallock gained prizes for exhibitions of wagons and carriages, and special mention was given to a fine show of Irish setters and mastiffs belonging to Dr. R. H. Derby and Alfred Pearsall. F. T. Underhill carried off the awards for four-in-hand and tandem teams, and an award to D. M. Munger for Shetland ponies ended the judging for the day.

During the lunch hour a collection of the pre-Revolutionary relics in which Long Island abounds was exhibited in one of the tents, and attracted a great deal of attention. It included silver spoons made and used in 1770, a Bible 128 years old, a finely-carved stone Indian towahawk of great age, a tortoise-shell comb worn by a Long Island dame in Martha Washington's time, a battered little brass kettle that was filled with gold and silver money and sunk in a swill barrel during the war of the Revolution, and a curiously-fashioned brass pan with a carved wooden handle that warmed the toes of chilly Long Islanders many years ago. There was also a lot of snake and wild animal skins and a brass medal given to an English sailor for bravery during the battle of the Nile.

At 1 o'clock the competition for the Daniel K. Young Cup, valued at \$140, began, with S. V. R. Cruger, the Republican nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, as judge, and brought out the following 11 handsome buggy horses: Louis V. Bell's Nero, Eugene Tappen's Dorsis Boy, G. S. Moddle's Lindmark, Daniel K. Young's Migze, J. A. Van Brunt's Juno, Oscar E. Schmidt's Jessica, Isaac Rogers's Nellie, Thomas Young's Mascot, G. W. Conklin's Nellie, and two unnamed horses belonging to Mrs. Ladenburg and F. T. Underhill. Mr. Bell's Nero, a very stylish and speedy roan gelding, was given the cup. An exhibition of high jumping was given by Mr. Underhill's Doctor and Gray King and Mr. Magoun's Gray Eagle. Mr. Underhill rode Doctor, Mr. Mageun rode Gray King, and his coachman rode Gray Eagle. The ground in the infield was so marshy and sticky that no good jumps could be made, and 4 feet 6 inches was the highest point cleared.

The track was in excellent condition, and the races more numerous and better contested than on either of the previous days. The first event was the final heat between Starlight and Regal and Jim and Little Jim, who each won two heats on Thursday. After several false starts they got off well together and came in with the two Jims well ahead, but as they broke badly on the home stretch the judges awarded the heat and race to Starlight and Regal. The other races went off per summary:

**2:40 CLASS.**  
 H. C. Woodnut's blk. g. Young Vermonter... 1 1 1  
 E. T. Conklin's b. g. Philip..... 2 2 2  
 J. A. Brown's b. m. Jennie B..... 3 4 3  
 Walter Bowne's ch. m. Pluto Wilkes also trotted.  
 Time—2:39<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 2:38; 2:36<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

**FREE FOR ALL.**  
 Challas Walker's b. g. Joe S..... 1 1 1  
 J. H. Goldsmith's b. m. Beauty Bright..... 2 2 2  
 Time—2:33; 2:28; 2:29.

**PONY RACE.—Half-mile dash.**  
 J. O. Barnard's De De..... 1 1  
 L. V. Bell's Harlequin..... 2 2  
 F. T. Underhill's Pinto..... 3 3  
 J. B. Van Schaick's Jill and Smiler and H. V. L. Meyers's Whiskey Jim also ran.  
 Time—0:40; 0:58<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

**FOR POLO PONIES.—Half-mile dash.**  
 J. O. Barnard's Wild Cat..... 1  
 Rutgers Van Brunt's Roulette..... 2  
 J. Cornell Brown's Marjery Daw..... 3  
 Time—0:54 1-5.

**FOR PONIES.—Quarter-mile dash.**  
 George C. Magoun's Little Chief..... 1  
 Louis V. Bell's Imp..... 2  
 No time taken.

**HURDLE RACE FOR PONIES.—Quarter-mile; six hurdles.**  
 John O. Barnard's De De..... 1  
 George C. Magoun's Little Chief..... 2  
 Time—0:30<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

**MULE RACE.—One-mile dash.**  
 Oliver L. Jones's Harrison..... 1  
 Oliver L. Jones's Cleveland..... 2  
 A. S. Gardiner's Golightly..... 3  
 D. W. Conklin's Will Oakley..... 4  
 Jenkins Van Schaick's Bingham..... 5  
 Jenkins Van Schaick's Joseph..... 6  
 Time—Harrison, 2:58; Joseph, 6:59.

The mule race was the funniest event of the fair and was enjoyed by every one, even the mules. They were made to toe a line at starting, and when the signal came to "go," half of them started to make the mile the wrong way around the track. Harrison and Cleveland were the only two that ran, and Golightly, who is a veteran of the battle of Gettysburg, condescended to trot. The others either ywalked or stood still. Joseph was the stubbornest of them all, and Mr. Van Schaick, his rider, had finally to dismount and drag Joseph across the line by his bridle.

The fair, although the first one of a new organization, was a great success, and, best of all, a paying one, and its officers are highly pleased at the result of their labors.