

One-mile amateur, open—Charles M. Ertz, 1; George Reith, 2; H. Y. Hybell, 3. Time, 2m. 23 2-58.

One-mile amateur tandem handicap—Miller and Babcock, 1; Ertz and Bedell, 2; O'Conner and Owen, 3. Time, 2m. 7 3-58.

The National Circuit tournament, held at Trenton, N. J., on August 2d, was participated in by several well-known amateurs. In the one-mile open I. A. Powell won over C. M. Ertz in one of the most hotly contested events of the year. Summaries:

Half-mile amateur handicap—H. E. Rogers, sixty yards, 1; I. A. Powell, scratch, 2; George Reith, scratch, 3. Time, 1m. 1 2-58.

One-mile amateur, open—I. A. Powell, 1; C. M. Ertz, 2; E. C. Hausman, 3. Time, 2m. 19 3-58.

Two-mile amateur handicap—Collett, sixty yards, 1; Ertz, scratch, 2; Lawson, scratch, 3. Time, 5m.

THE CYCLE TRADE SITUATION.

The general conditions of the bicycle and allied industries have undergone little change within the past month. The effects of the reduction in prices by the Pope Manufacturing Company enforced the retirement of a type makers and dealers who have demoralized the trade within the last three years by listing medium-grade wheels at high-grade prices, only to sell them from one end of the season to the other for whatever they would bring. Nearly all the American factories are working, with reduced forces, on the 1898 models. Popular expectation has reached a high pitch in regard to the chainless bicycles, and this interest is heightened by the absence in Europe, accompanied by their patent experts and attorneys, of Col. Albert A. Pope, Mr. A. G. Spal-

ding and other manufacturers, who are expected to bring out some radical departures in the chainless idea.

Prices of the highest grade English bicycles were affected before the end of July by the reduction announced in this country. The Rudge-Whitworth Company, one of the oldest and largest in the British Isles, was the first to lower its list; and the probabilities are that this example will be generally followed by English makers. At this writing it would appear as though the only thing that can hold 1897 schedules to and through 1898 would be a failure of the chainless models to come up to present expectations. These types are promised to be equal, or superior, to the chain-driven bicycles, and the wheel-buying public will be only too glad to see the claims fulfilled.

THE PROWLER.

Mr. John P. Lovell, the founder, and until his death the head of the John P. Lovell Arms Company of Boston, Mass., passed away at the ripe age of 77, at his summer home on the island of Martha's Vineyard, on the morning of July 29th. Prominently identified with the American sporting goods trade for a full generation before the advent of the bicycle, Mr. Lovell was among the first to see the possibilities of the new industry which it was to bring into being, and taking advantage thereof, gradually built up one of the staunchest cycle-manufacturing concerns in New England.

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JUDGING CLASS XXXIX—HIGH STEPPERS AT LONG BRANCH, AUGUST, 1897.

HORSE SHOWS are nowadays among the leading social functions. Apart from their usefulness as demonstrating the scope and purpose of the horse in its various forms, they are most enjoyable when they occur under clear skies, at the fashionable seaside resorts, and at the height of the sum-

mer season. The Long Branch horse show is fortunate in this regard, taking place every year on or about August 12th, 13th and 14th. It comes as a refreshing diversion from the ordinary seaside gayeries, and was this year unusually attractive, both in the matter of attendance of the fashionable set and in the

superior quality of horseflesh placed on exhibition. The weather, too, except for a few moments on the closing day, was most propitious, and as a consequence the grand stand and velvet sward teemed with beauty and style such as only a popular American summer resort can produce.

There were over four hundred entries in the forty-eight classes scheduled, horses of the high-stepping variety, such as fashion now demands, being largely in the majority. Of the horses exhibited, some old favorites held their laces in the front rank, notably Charles F. Bates's famous gelding Coxe, who was once again crowned champion high-stepper; Louis Wormser's Surprise and Superior, and Stars and Stripes, which won respectively first prize as a pair and in the class for spike teams; E. T. Stotesbury's fine roadster, Hood's McGregor; William H. Clarke's Vigilant Wilkes, and George S. Gagnon's Northlight, which won highest honors in their respective classes. Several new horses were brought before the public at this show, among them the superbly matched pair of steppers, Sunlight and Starlight, shown by Hexter & Strauss, which took easily first prize as a pair, Sunlight being also voted the

champion saddle-horse of the show. Charles F. Bates put forward some surprises in the geldings, Whirl, of the Town. A Round of Pleasure, Amazement, Amusement, Hollywood, and Hi, all of which ranked among the prize-winners, as did also the gray gelding, Actor, and the bay, Whirl of the Town, when shown as a tandem team, four horses from the same stable also winning in the class for road teams.

John Arthur's great hackney gelding, Leader the Scotchman, again distinguished himself in a class of eighteen, and won also when shown in hand to halter, and came near winning the championship. Mrs. George S. Gagnon's Great Cæsar, The Cat and Gold Pointer, all took honors in their departments. Miss Adelaide Doremus cleverly rode W. A. McGibbon's Jubilee to victory in the saddle class, and tried hard for the championship against Stanton Elliott, whose mount, Sunlight, as already mentioned, ultimately secured the varicolored rosette. The hunter and pony classes, as well as those for thoroughbreds and hackneys, were poorly filled, and the conditions governing some of the harness classes were not stated.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CITIZEN N. Y."—The amateur golf champion is Mr. H. J. Whigham, Onwentsia Golf Club, Lake Forest, Ill. The annual competition for these honors will be held September 14TH-18th, at Chicago, Ill., and we will then have anew champion in each class, and you can watch the results of that competition. The amateur champion at lawn tennis singles is R. D. Wrenn, and the amateur champions at doubles are Messrs. C. B. and S. R. Neal. The annual competition for these honors is being held at Newport, as we go to press. The question con-

cerning bicycling hardly admits of an answer. There are about 200 amateur and professional bicycle champions at distances from one-third of a mile up to 1910 miles 1408 yards, which was the distance covered by the professional champion Hale in his last 6 days' race. Bicycle championships are being contested all through the season, both amateur and professional, and the lists of champions are constantly changing from week to week, as the successive championships are held. Lists which would be correct this week are erroneous next week, etc.