

EQUESTRIANISM.

HORSE SHOWS.

NO better indication of the popularity which the stylish carriage horse now enjoys throughout this country can be had than the zest with which wealthy amateurs are associating with the promoters of outdoor horse shows, and offering rich prizes in plate for competitions that are intended to bring out only typical horses as adapted to fashionable vehicles, which are to be driven by their owners in every case, it being stipulated that competitors must be of the amateur class. This is particularly noticeable in the make-up of the catalogue for the horse show held in Durland's Academy, which event opens the season. Brooklyn Riding Academy makes very liberal provision for amateur exhibitors, and both these have adopted the commendable plan of publishing in detail the conditions under which the judges arrive at their decisions, particularly in the jumping classes. This was a point commented upon in *OUTING* in the report of the National Show, at which the public were wholly at a loss to comprehend how the adjudicators reached their conclusions.

At the Washington Horse Show an innovation will be introduced this year, in the matter of "selling" classes, which means that the winning horses must be put up for sale, so that visitors may have an opportunity to bid upon horses which they have seen surpass others in competition. Moderate prices will rule, as \$300 has been fixed for winners under 15.2 hands

high, and \$350 for horses higher than that standard, in the harness classes. Lightweight saddlers will be sold at \$300 and heavyweights at \$350. The idea is to bring together a collection of fairly good horses from which show-goers may choose stock for general use, these, of course, to be entirely distinct from what are generally described as high class or champion animals.

Another good idea put forth by the authorities of the Washington Horse Show is a rule requiring ladies to appear in the classes set aside for ladies' saddle trials. Heretofore so-called ladies' saddle horses have generally been ridden by men, and in many cases the winning horse was put through its paces by a professional. In the hunting classes the conditions are to have a clause requiring horses to be "hunting sound," which, of course, means that every horse entered is to be practically sound for work in the field over fences.

At the Philadelphia Horse Show this year very liberal provision has been made for amateur riders and drivers, and the rules are strict requiring owners to manipulate their steeds before the judges. The class requiring owners to drive teams from the city out to the show grounds, always a delightful feature of this equine event, and put their horses into competition on arrival at the ring-side, is to be repeated this year to greater extent than ever before, so that it will be shown what horses can really do on the tan-bark after a hard pull of some fifteen or twenty miles over a hill country.

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GOLF.

IT is healthy for golf when it can be recorded that the only real contest at the annual meeting of its parliament is a contest to secure the honor of its championship games. Such was the case at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association. In all other respects harmony and unanimity prevailed.

Lawrence Curtis, former president of the association, was unanimously re-elected for a second year, and all the other officers were chosen, as suggested by the Nominating Committee, as follows: Vice-Presidents—Ransom H. Thomas, Morris County Golf Club, of Morristown, N. J., and Charles B. Macdonald, of Chicago. Secretary—Robert B. Kerr, Lakewood Golf Club. Treasurer—George D. Fowle, Philadelphia Country Club. Extra members of the Executive Committee—Henry May, Washington, D. C., and John Reid, St. Andrew's Golf Club.

Secretary Kerr in his annual report stated that now the membership consisted of 101 clubs, an increase of twenty-three during the year. The balance in the treasury was reported as \$2,757.74. The amendment to the constitution enlarging the Executive Committee to seven members was unanimously adopted.

The Morris County Golf Club, of Morristown, N. J., won the honor of holding the Amateur Championship Tournament, its only formidable rival being the St. Andrew's Golf Club.

The Women's Championship Tournament will be played on the Ardsley Links.

The meeting decided wisely to separate by an interval of three months the amateur and professional championship tournaments.

Intercollegiate golf is increasing in interest. Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Dartmouth, Amherst and other colleges have numerous good players, and at least the first five will take part in the intercollegiate meeting.

It is scarcely more than two years since the game was established at any of our military or naval stations, yet already links have been laid out and clubs established at the Waterville Arsenal, near Troy, N. Y.; at Rock Island Arsenal, on the Government reservation on the Mississippi River, opposite the city of that name; at West Point, where it is very popular, and at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, on "Seavey's Island," in the Piscataqua River, N. H. No other game lends itself so readily to the relief of the tedium of an army post as golf, for the ladies of the post can participate in this exhilarating outdoor game.

The contest or the "Southern Cross Cup," in the Palmetto Golf Club Tournament, was of a very sensational nature. It was won by Herbert C. Leeds on March 17th by a score of 87+70=157 over Foxhall P. Keene, 97+69=166.

The "Aiken Cup" was won by Arthur Kemp with a score of 172.