

# HORSE NOTES.

Nelson is about ripe. Poem will go in 2.10. Ellard's mark is 2.12. Little Albert is a corker. August racing has begun. Racing is most uncertain. Speed advances every year. The blood of Startle breeds on. Distemper prevails at Palo Alto. Get the colts ready for the fairs. Keep the watering troughs clean. Johnny Knott's record is 2.22 flat. Scoring is a troublesome question. Feed colts only what they will digest. Passenger will be trained next season. Meetings are coming thicker and faster. Stony Ford has gelded twenty-six colts. Sunol, brother to Sunol, has a 2.30 trotter. Mark Field has reduced his record to 2.16. Does Martha Wilkes want to join the pacers? Many colts are kept poor and thin by indigestion. Benid Doble may drive Martha Wilkes at Buffalo. Mystic, Milford, Manchester and Nashua this week. Alcantara has a likely two-year old in New York. Sprite, by Belmont, out of Waterwitch, has four in 2.30. Bethlehem's coaching parade takes place August 22. "Pa" Hamlin was on his own stamping ground last week. Jay Eye-See is deprived of his champion gelding record. Jerry O'Neil once owned a half interest in Ellard, 2.12. Hal Pointer scored his first win of the season at Cleveland. Sea King reminds one of the pony pacer, Ed. Annan, 2.16. A trotter to win races must have the power to carry him fast. What is the matter with the Wilkes combination this year? Hulda, by Guy Wilkes, is looked upon as the coming trotter. Alvin hasn't shown himself of much account yet this season. Buffalo has a mammoth bill of fare during the next two weeks. Highland, 2.24; began life doing drugery hooked back a mule. Nat Jenkins of Concord "coppered" Edith H. generously at Lawrence. Nelson trotted an exhibition mile in 2.13 at Old Orchard last week. Never select a sluggish, dull-mottled mare to breed trotters or roadsters. Many a farmer's horse is kept unshapely and lazy by over-feeding hay. Little Ethan, by Ashley's Ethan Allen, won a game race at Lawrence. Village Farm products will be cut loose at Buffalo. Bonnie Byrd ran a mile last week in 1.39, equaling Ten-Brock's record. It is difficult making a race horse out of a beast with a wheel in his head. Village Farm starts a team at Terre Haute Aug. 14-18 to beat the team record. Some critics looked to see Jayhawker make a greater race horse than Allerton. E. D. Wiggins, owner of Martha Wilkes is a theorist on the subject of shoeing. Oats stimulate the nervous energies but they impart little nourishment to the body. Charley Ray, 2.29, has been selected to represent Vermont Morgan stock at the World's Fair. The Steeles possess gameness. Puritan put in a fourth heat at Old Orchard last week in 2.18. Perial is a hearty yearling. He gets away with three quarts of oats and a dozen eggs at a feed. Miss Lida, 2.17, was bred by P. P. Johnston, president of the National Trotting association. Guy, 2.09, is the only trotting record-holder that has none of the blood of Hambletonian. If you have a jumper on the farm dispose of it before all the other horses learn the bad habit. Worcester and Haverhill clash dates, August 15-18. Lawrence holds a meeting the following week. It is reported that Maud S. will start at Lexington, Ky., next October to beat the 2.04 of Nancy Hanks. It was a great field that little Albert defeated at Cleveland in the fastest five heat race ever trotted. C. C. Dunbar, a Michigan three-year-old by Olimedo Wilkes, is said to have gone quarters in 30 1/2 seconds. Maud S's high-wheel sulky record still stands. Directum was unequal to the task of lowering it at Cleveland. Sixteen pounds of hay a day is enough for any horse on earth, and ten pounds is far better for driving horses. Guy, 2.09; held the trotting gelding record, but little Albert's 2.10 race record is far and away above it.

Owners of Guy Wilkes stock have a right to feel proud these days. The star of Guy Wilkes is in the ascendancy. Albert E., four years, by Penrose, paced a mile in 2.10 1/2 at Cleveland to beat the four-year-old pacing record of 2.09 1/2. Shadeland Onward, 2.18, is siring more early, pacing speed than any other living stallion, Sidney possibly, excepted. One cure for worms. Give one drachm sanatorium, two drachms powdered sulphate of iron twice a day for ten days. For a horse that pulls on one rein have a veterinary take all sharp edges off molar teeth and use a flexible leather bit. Captain Ellard of Woburn, Mass., for whom Ellard, 2.14, was named, owns a full sister to the son of Charley Wilkes. The dam of the 14-hand trotter sea King is by Daniel Lambert. His sire, Melbourne King, is a son of Mambrino King. There will be no horse sale connected with the annual meeting of the New England Horse Breeder's association this fall. It is evident that there were some bad mistakes made in the early preparation of Martha Wilkes for grand circuit battles. The big stallion Col. Egbert, by Egbert, won a race at Sandy Hill, N. Y., last month, getting a record in the fourth heat of 2.32 1/2. Not a few horses can go the fast half mile tracks to a 'bike' sulky as good as they can the rings, especially the soft-hearted ones. Horse racing was never so honestly conducted as it is to-day. There are too many good ones nowadays for many jobs to go through. F. W. Hanks, Augusta, Maine, is said to own a colt by Ralph Wilkes that could show a quarter beside its dam when 3 weeks old, in 45s. The dam of George Wilkes, like the dam of Mambrino Chief, was a mare that came "from the mists of the West," and her pedigree no man knows. Thomas Mayfield has been connected with mystic park for over twenty years. He is one of the most successful track secretaries in the business. Vikings future depends upon one or two things. His greatness as a stock horse, or his success as a gelding harness performer. Which shall it be. Some judges are getting too high and mighty. It is said at Detroit that one trainer had to send up his card before he could speak to the judges on the stand. It is not well to have your horses too finely drawn before shipping them. A shipment of 150 or 200 mile will sometimes cause a horse to fail 50 pounds in weight. Highland L., pacing record 2.21 that recently beat Mack, 2.20, in a match race, has won his last three races straight without losing a heat. He is a hard nut to crack on a half-mile ring. Mambronian, who forced the winner out at Detroit in 2.16, was the horse the judges thought Schoolmarm ought to have beaten at Worcester, and Allie Trout was taken out from behind her because she couldn't do it. In head-and-head finishes judges in the stand are in the best positions to determine the positions accurately. It is undeniable that in placing horses the horse further away from the observer generally catches the eye first. If the field cannot beat the best horse in five heats they ought to have no further chance to pound him. Let their champion try a final with him single handed and settle it. C. H. Nelson has got his back up. He has issued a challenge to match Nelson, 2.10, against either Kremlin, 2.07, or Arion, 2.10, for \$1,000 or \$5,000 a side. For a side issue he wants to make a match race with Lyland T. Mystic has a meeting on September 12-15 for \$17,600 in purses. All of the are \$1,000 each and \$50 will be awarded to the fifth horse. The meeting precedes the one at Providence, which is followed by the New England Breeders meeting. On the 25th inst. Nelson trotted an exhibition mile over the Maine mile track near Portland in 2.10, making the last quarter in 30 1/2 s, a 2.03 clip. It looks as if the claim made for this track of being as fast as any in the world was well established. An exchange states that the rumored new track at Montreal is practically an assured fact, and that the enterprise will be backed by American capital. The approximate value of the plant will be \$125,000, and will include a grand stand with a seating capacity of 6,000. Collar galls are frequent and troublesome. An experienced veterinary surgeon says: Purchase a sweat collar; wash the shoulders with cold water three times a day; apply sulphate of zinc, one fourth pound, tannic acid, three ounces, water, four quarts; apply after using the cold water to the shoulders. Newsboy, 2.12, is the fastest performer who commenced the season eligible to the slow classes. He took a trotting record of 2.20 last year and this season has paced a mile in a race in 2.12. He was sired by By Brentwood, grandson of Hambletonian, dam by Dan Allen, son of Woodward's Ethan Allen. It is a notorious fact, says The Horseman, that the pedigree of the great horse George Wilkes, as registered on the dam's side, is a fraud and misrepresentation. The dam of George Wilkes was a mare of unknown breeding, and it is not in the interest of the breeding business that she be handed down to history as a daughter of Henry Clay, or any other progenitor. It has been proven that

the alleged Henry Clay mare was not any older than Wilkes himself, and that fact alone is sufficient to discredit the whole Wallace theory. If you are overworking your horse or have colts that will not take on substance, give them this feed: Oats, 2 bushels, wheat and barley each 1 bushel, corn, 1/2 bushel. Grind together and give from 2 to 2 1/2 quarts at a feed to colts, and from 3 to 5 quarts at night to horses. It contains as much nourishment and health-giving qualities as any feed on earth. Young stock, especially, bloom on it, and it puts life into over-used horses. Whole oats are unfit feed for yearlings. They cannot digest them and many grow thin in consequence. The two star events of the Rochester grand circuit meeting Aug. 15-18 will be the free-for-all trotting and pacing races, and never in the history of the turf were faster fields brought together. In the free-for-all trot are entered Martha Wilkes, 2.08; Belle Vara, 2.08; Walter E., 2.10; Little Albert, 2.10; Nightingale, 2.10; Directum, 2.11; and Globe, Dr. Sparks, Phoebe Wilkes, Green Leaf, Hulda, Muta Wilkes and Fred S. Wilkes with records close up. In the free-for-all pace there are Hal Pointer, 2.04; Mascot, 2.04; Flying Jib, 2.05; Guy, 2.06; with Blue Sign, Robert J., Manager, Major Wonder, Winslow Wilkes and Chronos all close to 2.10. In a critical, statistical review of the Detroit meeting Mr. A. J. Meston writes: "The Wilkes blood comes to the front at this meeting with a rush, its preponderance being marked, for eight winners (out of fifteen races) carry the old champion's colors to victory. These are Chris Lang, two years, 2.26; Courier, 2.17; Siva, four years, 2.13; La Tosca, 2.15; Hulda, 2.12; Jordan, 2.13; pacer; Ellard, 2.15, and Phoebe Wilkes, 2.14. All are descended from George Wilkes in the male line except Courier and the pacer Jordan, whose dams are respectively by Jay Bird and Adrian Wilkes. Guy Wilkes holds the place of honor as the only sire of two winners, while his son Sable Wilkes is the sire of the two-year-old Chris Lang." J. B. Chandler, driver for Woodbine Farm, Fullerton, Neb., stands foremost among western drivers. Last year he sat behind Online, the champion two-year-old pacer, when he secured his mark of 2.11. He drove Belle Acton, the champion yearling pacer, to her mark of 2.20, and Ella Woodline, yearling to her trotting mark of 2.29. Already this year he has driven The Conqueror (3), to a mark of 2.17, the champion three-year-old mark of the year. He has also this year driven Antonian, five-year-old, to a mark of 2.09, and Two Strike to a mark of 2.12. The three last named horses were driven to their marks the same afternoon, giving to Mr. Chandler the additional distinction of having driven the fastest nine winning heats in one afternoon of any driver in America. New England holds no keener critic of matters "horsey" than Tom McLaughlin of Lowell. He has studied the race track from every possible position, and when he talks his words are the words of wisdom. As the central figure of a group the other day he said: "People talk flippantly about race horses, yet how many base their opinions on proper knowledge? A horse may show himself a race horse in company that he can beat, but how will it be when he strikes a party that can go his clip and perhaps faster? Genuine race horses may be compared to the throwing of dice. You may get a six spot, but there are five chances against you. Theory doesn't hold. The pedigree may be all right, but the actual test must decide the question. I hold a great deal to pedigree if it suits me, but I think a heap sight more of individuality; particularly if I am a speculator in the pool box, and am 'in' right. The man who thinks he can pick out a winner by his breeding alone will pay dearly for his experience. The more I follow racing the greater respect I have for its uncertainty and the less knowledge I seem to possess upon matters in the future. And yet I think harness sport to-day is more honest than ever before in its history."



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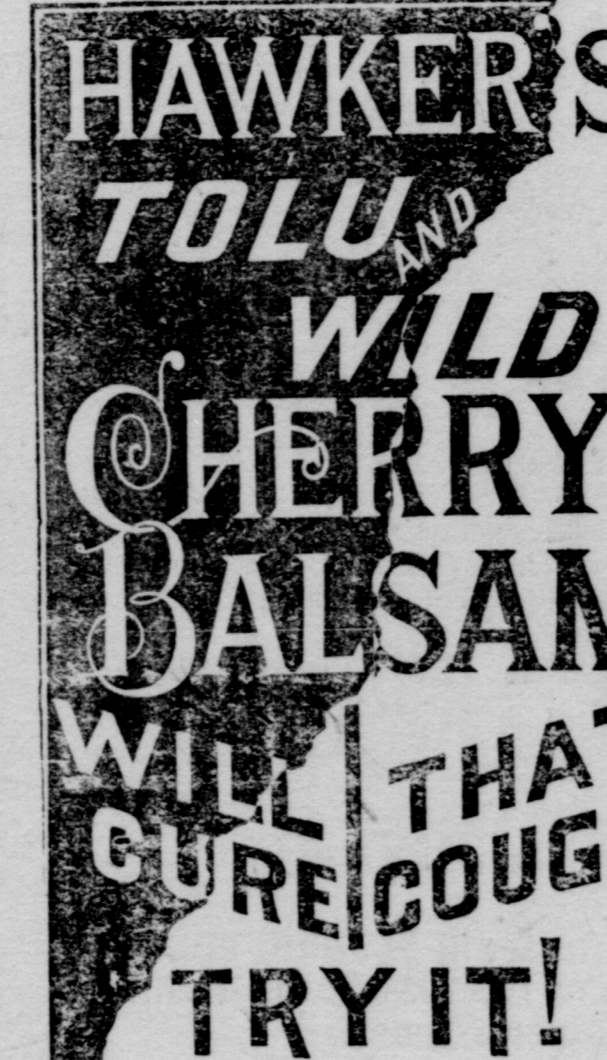
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