

# HORSE NOTES.

One race a week is enough for any horse. Overman, 2.19½, was chloroformed recently. Strong Boy will pace better than 2.05 if he keeps right.

The Nova Scotia stallion Israel has reduced his record to 2.22½.

The dam of Clay Herr, 2.23½, was killed by a train last week.

Direct, 2.05½, is still in the stud out in California. Salisbury did not bring him East.

Five 2.20 performers have died so far this year.

It is said that Hal Pointer's legs can stand no more fast miles.

The dam of Jim Crow, the son of Abbottsford that lately got a mark of 2.23½, is a daughter of Lumps, 2.21.

St. Simon, 2.24½, now holds the four-year-old Canadian trotting record.

Johnson paced a mile in 2.11 last week at Youngstown, O., lowering the track record.

Pool-selling is now a criminal offence in Canada.

Allerio, by J. Bird, took a record of 2.23½ last week.

Barney Wilkes has a new 2.15 pacer, Barney, 2.13½.

Happy Medium has a new 2.20 performer in Happy Promise, 2.19½.

Geers put another Chimes into the 2.20 list Monday. Fantasy, 2.18½.

Masoot paced a half in 59 seconds, on the Fourth, at Kirkwood, Del.

Geers won the first race of the Grand Circuit with Fantasy, a daughter of Chimes.

Pixley beat Nightingale, Walter E. and Elko last week, getting a record of 2.14½.

Newbold, that made a record of 2.24½ last week, is a brother to Cheyenne, 2.14½.

May Hudson, dam of Walnut Boy, 2.11½, and Victorine, 2.29, is in foal to Wilton.

Cassie, by Tennessee Wilkes, has lowered her record to 2.12½.

Nancy Hanks' best mile before leaving Terre Haute was 2.12.

Allie Wilkes, 2.15, is said to be good for a mile in 2.10 this fall.

Wilkie Russell, 2.15, is the latest fast performer to join the silent majority. Lightning was the cause.

Blondie, pacing record 2.15, took a two-mile record of 4.48, trotting last week in a race, which gives him the world's race record.

La Belle, by Lockheart, 2.13 paced the second heat of the free-for-all at Indianapolis last week in 2.12½. She is four years old.

Jay Hawker, 2.20½, as a two-year-old, has been a mile in 2.16, and promises to give the three-year-old championship to the Jay Bird family.

The trotter that pulls a high-wheel sulky around the Cleveland track in 2.04½ of better during the Grand Circuit meeting at the Forest City, will receive \$7000.

Budd dable has gone to Detroit with 18 horses values at \$500,000. The lot includes Nancy Hanks, Stamboul, Belle Vara, Del-march, Manager, Ellard, McDoel, Pixley and Lee Russell.

"Race horses would be very plentiful," says the American Sportsman, "if a few of the fifth and sixth rate teamsters would shift a little of the nerve that they have aboard into the nags that they are hazarding."

Last year at this time Dexter Prince led all sires in the number of 2.30 performers. That honor at this writing belongs to Hamlin's Almont Jr., who has six new comers to his credit, while Dexter Prince thus far is obliged to content himself with a single trotter.

"Pa" Hamlin's stable showed up brilliantly at Meadville. On Friday two green four-year-old mares, one by Chimes and one by Mambrino King, made their first starts and were easy winners, both getting records around 2.23. Another Chimes entered the list earlier in the week.

Miss Leda, by King Clay, dam by Contractor, winner of the 4-year-old race at Pittsburg, obtained a winning race record the week previous of 1.14½. Warwitch, in Andrews' string, forced her to go a third heat in 2.16½.

Highland L. is the fastest of the get of old Highland Grey. In the free for all at Granville, N. Y., which he won, he broke a record of 2.21½, which is the track record. The same day School Boy won the 3.45 class, best time 2.30½. Highland L.; with the right opportunities, should go in 2.15.

Yankee Luck, the fast Vermont 5-year-old, owned by N. D. Phelps of Barre, hasn't made a break this season. He trotted a half in 1.12½ at Barre last week. This week he starts at Mystic where his speed is likely to be measured. His sire, Blackstone Jr., is owned by L. L. Worthen of Barre.

Manchester horsemen who saw Hon. Warren F. Daniell's trotters at the home track last week say that the popular congressman has a pair of cracks in Edith H. and Much A-do. The former showed an easy work-out mile while here in 2.22½. Both are entered at Worcester next week.

Alderman Mack Bridge of Sioux Falls, S. D., recently lost a valuable horse that committed suicide. The horse had been very sick for about a month, and several days ago he managed to unlock the door of his stall, and going to some harness that was hanging up in the barn put his head through a portion of it and threw himself to the floor and was strangled.

Scott of Manchester has bought of the estate of the late W. H. Cate of Henniker a Mambrino Wilkes stallion that is a trotter. The first time the horse stepped on to Manchester track he showed a 2.40 shot. The dam of the horse was a Canadian mare of phenomenal roading qualities, now owned in Henniker.

Congressman Daniell of Franklin, N. H., president of the New Hampshire Breeders' association, will find his stud, at the head of which stands Kentucky, by Princeps, more fashionable this year than ever. The Princeps family has been very prominent this season. The son of Woodford Mambrino and old Primrose is one of the most illustrious of living sires, and it is a question if he is not, barring Harold, about the greatest in Kentucky.

Wilkie Russell, with a six-year-old pacing record of 2.15, and who was one of the few stallions to sire a 2.30 trotter at five years of age, was struck by lightning at Freeport, Ill., last Saturday, and instantly killed. He was owned by the King Hill Stock Farm, St. Joseph, Mo., and has been sent to McHenry to be campaigned. Wilkie Russell was known to be an exceedingly fast horse and was expected to make a mark of 2.10 or better before the close of the season.

Tom Marsh is not in the habit of going to the races with a brass band, and his advent at Old Orchard last week wasn't heralded with trumpets, but when the cash was counted out of the close of meeting it was found that he had won two of the best events of the week with horses which the talent had reckoned outsiders. Tom has some smooth goods in his stable at New Market Junction of this season, and will make some of the slickest of them go along.

There is always hope in training a good fatted trotter and always in training a mixed gaited one if he goes square for a little ways, but when you get one that will neither trot nor pace square, but each of whose legs seem to have a separate action independent of the others, then, says The American Trotter, it is time wasted to train such an one.

Big horses with style and quality are still commanding remunerative prices, as are also fine drivers, trained saddlers and choice coach and carriage stock. It is the great mass of weedy stock, unsound, blemished, poorly built and undersized horses, devoid of finish and quality, such as result from patronizing cheap, mongrel or grade sires, that are a drug on the market.

A man to get the best results out of a horse must be earnest in his own efforts and in training it will be noticed that such a man is usually busy encouraging his horse to put forth his best efforts. The man who takes life easy in the sulky simply getting up and holding the reins and letting the horse choose his own gait will generally be bothered with dust while driving races.

The practice of bathing horses after their workouts is one that is one that is now practiced quite extensively. After the last heat of a workout, as soon as the harness is taken off, the horse is bathed from his ears to his tail with water heated as close to blood heat as possible. The horse is then scraped and rubbed dry.

The near approach of better times and better prices for the light harness horse caused the late Senator Stanford, a short time before his death, to issue a commission to Samuel Gamble, the long-time superintendent of Hobart Stock Farm to come east and purchase from thirty to forty brood mares for the harem of Polo Alto's trotting stud. Senator Stanford showed by his willingness to put from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in a lump into brood mares, that his faith in the future of the trotting horse breeding industry was firm and unshaken.

Regarding Maud S. Mr. Bonner says in a late interview: "It is too early in the season to say what I shall do with her. Maud was running out all last season. We were trying to get her with foal, and at her age one has to go slow. I jogged her at the farm to-day and am much pleased with her action. She is getting in good, hard flesh, but I cannot say anything definite about trying her against the record for at least two months."

There is hardly a race meeting reported in whose summaries may not be found examples where some horse wins a heat in good time and is then distanced at a much slower rate of speed in the very next heat. What is there about such a performance, asks the American Trotter, that renders it superior to the despised "tin-cup" record? What is there about it that should admit it to the Year Book in the garb of a creditable performance, while its worthier anti-type, the time record, must be starred to show all the world that an insanely prejudiced public opinion regards it with suspicion and contempt.

A writer in Clark's Horse Review protests against the same method of measurement for different courses. He says: "To measure the regulation half-mile track and the mile kite the same distance from the pole is manifestly wrong. No horse can trot the sharp turns of the former within three feet of the hub-board, while on the kite it is altogether probable Budd Doble can drive you a mile that is actually less than a mile, and many other reinmen may be able to do the same thing. Observations should be made as to the average distance from pole horses trot on each class of tracks and the rule for measurement amended accordingly."

The owners of the pacer Highland L. have issued a challenge to the owner of Mack for a race between the horses for \$1,000 a side; the race to be the best three heats in five, to be trotted in the state of New York. In reply to the challenge the owner of Mack has sent out the following challenge: W. H. Carleton

In reply to your challenge in the Granville Sentinel of the 7th, will make you a race with Mack against Highland L. for \$2,500 a side, race to take place inside of 20 days over either Mystic park, Boston, Mass., Narragansett park, Providence, R. I., or Buffalo, N. Y., tracks. Full amount of stake to be put up five days before the race. Come up and deposit forfeit. Yours truly, Guy M. Bentley.

"I have for some time had in mind a theory which I have recently had an opportunity to put in practice," says a writer in an exchange. "The result is so satisfactory that I feel called upon to give horsemen the benefit of my experience. I put hoppers on a two-year-old colt and turned him in the pasture. He fought them at first, but when he found that plan useless and commenced finding that he could do nothing but trot in this harness, he learned very rapidly and it was only a few days before he could carry any of the colts in the pasture into a run as they raced across the field. When I hitched this fellow up I found he had developed quite a bit of speed, good action and that he had no desire to break. I believe it is the coming system for developing youngsters and I am also inclined to think it should be used as when the colt is six months old."

A nail in a horse's foot often results in lockjaw. Few mishaps to a horse are so much dreaded by horse owners. The following advice concerning the treatment of a case is offered by a Chicago horseman. If a nail is picked up get it out as soon as possible; then get a half pailful of hot water—as hot as the horse can possibly stand it—pour in plenty of vinegar and also plenty of salt. This is all, only it must be so hot that at first when you put the horse's foot into it he will pull the foot out of the water, but put it in again and keep on doing so until you can hold the foot in it steadily. Hold it in half an hour or longer and repeat it again after two hours. Do this at least four times or more the first day and repeat the process the next day. In nine cases out of ten it will save the horse. It has been tried on man and I used it myself on my own horse. Some one may say that this remedy is no good, but if I had a valuable horse it is the remedy I would try. Nothing will kill the blood poison quicker if taken in time.

"Suppression of time," writes Allen Lowe in the Boston Globe, "has already been one of the greatest evils of the trotting business and it is to be regretted that the gentlemen who occupy the stand allow a sense of mistaken kindness to make them commit an error that is very harmful to the interest they are put up to protect. Favoring a horse by keeping him in his class is a wrong that keeps many a good man from his own. Within the limits of the present season there have been many complaints of this nature, and the sooner the practice is stopped the better it will be for everybody. When a horse wins a heat it should be given the exact time made. The very gentlemen who are willing to wink at the addition of a second or fractional part of it to a recorded mile would indignantly repel the reverse proposition, though the wrong would not be any greater in the latter case. Fair play to all demands the protection of the beaten horses by the bestowal of the actual records made in races."

**SPORTING NEWS.**

**Pitky Paragraphs From the Haunts of Sporting Men.**

The health of M. Lupin, the father of the French turf, has been so bad that he has determined to sell all his race horses and break up his magnificent breeding establishment, which was founded nearly sixty years ago.

Efforts are now making for a fight between George Dixon and Solly Smith, who defeated Johnny Griffin on Monday evening. Both men are willing to fight but the Columbia Athletic club only offers \$8,000 and they demand \$10,000. Griffin wants a return fight with Smith but may not get it. Efforts are also making for a match between Dixon and Griffin. Dixon as champion demands that Griffin shall come down to 120 pounds at noon on the day of the fight and he agrees to battle for \$10,000. Some great featherweight matches may soon be arranged. Dixon is now in training for his battle with Eddie Pierce at the Coney Island Athletic Club on Aug. 7.

It is estimated that fully \$40,000 changed hands as a result of the Smith-Griffin fight. New York papers express the belief that Griffin will whip Smith if they ever meet again, and that Dixon can whip the pair of them.

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The Cosmopolitan Monthly Magazine of New York city has been considered for some time the brightest periodical in the list of great magazines and it has always been in the first rank of illustrated publications. Its subscription price for one year is \$3, and on this account the wonderful offer made by the publisher of Progress of St. John comes in the nature of a surprise. It is well known that Progress has built up a great circulation at a subscription price of \$2 and now it proposes to still further increase its readers by offering the Cosmopolitan for one year for 85 cents additional. To explain further, any one not now a subscriber to Progress who sends \$2.85 to the publisher of that bright weekly, will not only receive the Cosmopolitan Magazine for one year but Progress as well for the same time.

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