

HORSE NOTES.

Overman 2.19½ is dead.
 Haverhill this week.
 Woodbrino is working well.
 Ned Winslow 2.12½ is lame.
 Phoebe Wilkes is a great mare.
 Fitchburg's meet opens Aug. 29.
 Goldsmith won \$7,500 at Detroit.
 Alcyon, 2.25 has put two in the list.
 New Hampshire records are dropping.
 J. B. Benson has Abbot Wilkes 2.24½.
 Martha Wilkes acts like a back number.
 Buffalo's two-week meeting was a success.
 Recent rains have improved the pastures.
 Angelina 2.24½ came out good at Buffalo.
 Belleflower has lowered her record to 2.12½.
 Old Hal Pointer won a mighty victory at Buffalo.
 Woodshed 2.18½ is a fast one for J. R. Shedd 2.19½.
 Don't let horses drink from stagnant pools.
 Johnson the bicyclist, wheeled a half mile from a flying start at Chicago in 1.11.5.
 Rigby park, Portland had an opening this week.
 Hal Dillard 2.09½ is another flyer in the Tom Hal family.
 Rub a horse with tansy leaves and it will keep the flies off.
 Nellie F. and Lambert B. have been matched for \$250 a side.
 Brooks paced a fast race at Syracuse getting a record of 2.16½.
 Flying Jim by Happy Day, has shown a half at the pace in 1.04½.
 Hulda 2.08½ and then not at her limit.
 What trotter can beat her?
 Hamlin's Nightingale is not fast enough to win the money this year.
 Harrietta 2.14 is about the best of the Alcyons out this year.
 That old-fashioned high-wheel record of Maud S. is still good.
 The Maine State Fair program comprises nineteen races for four days.
 Eastern Vermont breeders held their annual summer meeting at Newport this week.
 Mystic's \$17,600 meeting opening Sept 12 will be the banner one of the year.
 W. T. Pierce owner of Sir Walter Jr., 2.18½ has leased the track at South Framingham Mass.
 Up to the end of last week nine trotters and twenty-nine pacers had taken records below 2.13 in 1898.
 Kremlin has been having too heavy a stud season to be placed in training for a race this season.
 Race horse qualities coupled with speed, bring and win money no matter what the pedigree.
 Mambrino Wilkes has two good young trotters knocking at the door—Dan Wilkes 2.30½ and Hemer Wilkes 2.30½.
 Nelson holds the New Hampshire trace record—2.14½. The New Hampshire race record 2.18½ however belongs to B. B.
 Evidently the track at Berlin N. H., is fast. At the recent meeting held there ever heat winner but one lowered his record.
 Saladin 2.05½ will try to lower his own and the world's pacing record (2.04) Aug 25 the second day of the Belmont midsummer meeting.
 McCarthy of St. Louis does the starting at the New England Breeding meeting. He and Walker are called the best in the business.
 Hamlin's Almont continues to lead the sires of the year with Electioneer, Onward, Sidney Strathmore, Jay Bird and Chimes next in order.
 Whalbone Knox, owned by H. F. Fairbanks, Winthrop, Me., died Aug. 1, of pneumonia. He was foaled in 1864 and has several in the list.
 Hulda's average in her great race at Buffalo was 2.10.5-12, a fraction below the 2.10½ rate which Martha Wilkes scored at Independence last fall.
 Baron Wilkes is showing up lots of extreme early speed. The three-year-old colt Margrave, by him, got a winning race record at Buffalo of 2.15½.
 J. H. Manter was fined \$50 for "pulling" Hortense at Concord, and Chas. Yapp was awarded that amount by the judges for driving her to the front.
 Will Kerr, by Ethan Wilkes, is a new phenomenon in the pacing ranks. At his first race this season at Sturgis he scored 2.29½ in the 2.30 class and showed ability to go in 2.20.
 May Marshal, 2.13, the bay mare that won the 2.20 pace at Cleveland and Buffalo, is a full sister to Mary Marshal, 2.12½, being by Billy Wilkes, out of Bennie Snyder, by Mambrino Abdallah.
 The New Hampshire Trotting Horse Breeders' association has opened a \$500 free for all, pace and trot, Bunco, jr., and Subscriber barred, to be contested at its September meeting. Entries close Aug. 25.
 George M. Stevens, Lancaster, N. H., who recently returned from a visit to Kentucky, pronounces Constantine the handsomest and most perfectly finished horse in the stud in the blue-grass region.
 Johnny Taylor of Penacook has a colt entered in the New Hampshire Breeders' stake, which he calls B. B. B.
 Allerton got a two-year-old in the list at Sturgis. The chestnut filly Falda by him out of Cypress by Strathmore, won the two-year-old stakes in 2.27½, 2.28½. And why shouldn't the Allerton's trot?

The immense barn of ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton at Ellerslie, in Duchess Co., N. Y., was destroyed by fire together with a number of valuable horses and other live stock. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.
 Mack, by Thought, is under a cloud. The stiff work he received early in the season seems to have "knocked him out." He was easily beaten by Highland L., by Highland Grey, in their second match race at Hydeville, Vt., recently, in 2.19½, 2.22, 2.24.
 Wm. T. Withers, the well known Kentucky breeder, is suffering from a severe accident. He was breaking a colt to cart at Fairlawn farm, Lexington, Ky., when he was thrown out and severely kicked by the colt, breaking his leg in two places.
 Half mile tracks are the only hope of drivers afraid of the watch and upon some of these the nags are going record breaking miles. The full mile rings are being improved as never before. Roadbeds are planed and brushed to perfection, and too many horses are out for a slice of the good things to allow loafing around the flag waiting till good horses are tired out.
 The bicycle sulky is the great element in the increased speed of the modern trotting horse remarked an experienced driver the other day. They have been credited the "bike" he continued with from two to five seconds' gain on old-time standards. Very few have acknowledged the latter figure but it is nearer the truth. Directum's attempt at Cleveland against Mand S's. great record with the old fashioned sulky shows what a handicap the big wheels were to the trotter. He could not touch the great mare's mark, and it is doubtful if he or any other horse for a few years to come, can equal or surpass by many seconds the time made by Mr. Bonner's queen of campaigners.
 D. E. Larrabee, proprietor of Wilkes Stock Farm in Dover Me., was badly injured recently by one of his horses. He was in the stable with his stallions, one of which Bavarian was in a box stall, the upper door of which was open while another stallion was near by. It is supposed Bavarian seeing the other animal near him struck for him in a vicious manner, observing which Mr. Larrabee threw up his arm, which was seized by the animal between the elbow and the wrist and held firmly with the tenacity of a bull dog, fairly crushing the bones with his teeth. After a severe struggle the horse was compelled to release his hold. Physicians dressed the wound and set the arm which was badly mutilated and broken, some of the bones being splintered in such a way that it was found necessary to remove them.
 The history of breeding trotters is full of instances where the merits of stallions were not appreciated in their own time. This is in a measure true of that great race horse Viking 2.19½ who was withdrawn from the stud this season on account of lack of patronage and placed in training. Viking is one of the few high-bred stallions living that can earn money in his class in the best company. Several of his get entered the list last year and others will go in this season. C. G. Blanchard of Concord N. H., has two sons of Viking that are fit to go upon any stock farm. They are four and five years old respectively finely finished, full of substance and handsome are out of a producing dam and are both trotters. Mr. Blanchard's business cares have largely increased and these grand young horses are placed upon the market at reasonable figures. Bred as they are, individually good as they are they ought not to be long for sale. They are out of the dam of Daisy Lambert 2.29½ and will both beat 2.30 in training.

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 Knowing that under intense mental excitement, no matter how outwardly calm an individual may be, the hands will involuntarily contract and relax according to the intensity of the emotion and the susceptibility of the person effected, the counsel here saw a chance of securing evidence of great value.
 He called an electrician to his aid, and during the absence of the prisoner from the courtroom the arms of the chair were split in half, and in each was placed a hard carbon plate which served as a variable resistance. Wires were run from metal placed on either side of the carbon through the legs of the chair and under the floor to a telephone receiver and battery placed in an adjoining closet. The arms were again upholstered and the chair replaced.
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 The main points against the prisoner were thus determined. They were presently formulated and read to him in privacy, and he was so overcome that he made a confession of his crime.
Curious Callings.
 In Norway persons who have not been vaccinated are not allowed to vote at any election.
 There is said to be an oil well in Venango county, Pa., which spouts on Sunday and doesn't any other day.
 Spain Hebrews always pour out all the water contained in the vessels of a house wherein a person has died, fearing that the angel of death may have washed his sword in some of it.
 In South Africa the Kaffir servants have formed a union to which the members have to give a character to their mistresses. No member is allowed to enter upon a situation unless the registered character of the mistress of the house is satisfactory.
 In an American 25 cent piece there are 13 stars, 13 letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tail feathers, 13 parallel lines in the shield, 13 horizontal bars, 13 arrow heads and 13 letters in the word quarter dollar.
 Christmas and the Fourth of July are the only holidays which are alike legal in all the states and territories.
 When the thermometer registers 100 degrees, the cable which draws the cars of the East river bridge, New York, is 7 feet 6 inches longer than when the thermometer is at zero.
An Execution in Siam.
 The execution of a murderer in Siam is thus described: A temporary altar was erected, and before this the seven superbly built executioners, with drawn swords, made offerings of buns' head, fowls rice, etc., and lighted large tapers. Then the sword was anointed. The condemned meanwhile remained on the funeral barge where Buddhist priests gave him the last rites. He smoked and chatted after the ceremony and never showed any signs of weakness.
 At last he was brought out in front of the altar and placed on freshly cut plantain leaves. The executioners asked his pardon for killing him after they had wound red sashes about their body and placed red handkerchiefs about their heads. A snow white cloth was wound around the condemned man's loins; his ears were stopped with clay so that he should not hear the headman's footsteps as he came behind him. His neck chain and handcuffs were removed, and his elbows were secured to a bamboo post, while he was forced to a sitting position. Then a white line was marked on his neck as a guide to the swordsmen.
 The executioner, a lusty young Samson, now approached from behind, advancing with many fancy steps and moving his sword like the baton of a bandmaster. His six associates formed an attentive group and watched every movement. For a moment the large sword gleamed in the air. Then it descended exactly upon the white line. The body fell slightly to one side, the head dropped but hung by a bit of skin, and the man's lifeblood leaped forth upon the sand. One of the attendant executioners severed the head completely and another neatly placed it on a pole and exposed it to the crowd.
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