

# HORSE NOTES.

Dictator, though small, was a fine model of a horse.

Horses under 15½ hands are excluded from races in Denmark.

Buffalo's Girl's foal by Direct has a speed inheritance of 2.09.

Captain Bowman 2.28½, by Wilkes, is expected to beat 2.20 this year.

Fifty-four patents have been issued on ball-bearing, pneumatic sulkeys.

Palo Alto put fourteen two-year-olds in the record list last year with average records of 2.25.

So Long, 2.13½, and Virginia Evans 2.15½, trotted a mile double over Fleetwood last week to 2.17.

The owner of Yolo Maid has made a wager that she will go in 2.04 this season.

The influence of Dictator upon our speediest trotting stock will never cease to be felt.

If track speed is desired then a trotting mare should be mated with a trotting stallion.

Homer Wilkes 2.33½ promises to be the first New Hampshire bred trotter to beat 2.30 this year.

Gillette 2.11½ went a mile Memorial Day at Parkway track in 2.14½ and Fairport one in 2.18½.

When the weather becomes teadily hot be very careful of horses as they will be easily overheated.

In no family is there a stronger tendency to sire pacing speed than in the family of George Wilkes.

The screws were put on at Baltimore. H. P. Norton a driver, was fined \$250 for fraudulent driving.

The covered track at Meadville, Pa., which was destroyed by a recent flood will be rebuilt at once.

C. H. Van Ness of Cornwall, N. Y., will breed his fine mare Lou to Ansel and present Mr. Bonner the foal.

Never before has the demand for horses that possess speed, beauty and soundness been so active as it is to-day.

Allen Farm has a suckling colt that weighed on June 1 346 pounds. The colt is by Pistachio, dam Idalia, by Alcantara.

Ten miles of road jogging one day and six miles of track work the next is the program Nancy Hanks is following.

Nellie Aldine, 2.21½, four years, by Wilkes Boy, has been bought by Lieutenant Field of Washington, D. C., for \$8,500.

Almost Wilkes, owned by Dr. Seward Webb of Shelburne, Vt., will be sold at auction in New York at Tattersall's sale June 21-23.

Although the bicycle sulky is a great help there were not many horses capable of going three heats better than 2.20 before the first of June.

Obtaining a 2.20 record in a race is not a "vitality-sapping" process. For the real trotter of to-day it should not be much more than good exercise.

The California Blood Horse association will erect a course near San Francisco that will rival Morris Park and Monmouth in its appointments.

Crit Davis regards as one of his most promising trotters this year Judge Wilkes 2.26½, by Bourbon Wilkes, out of a Mambrino Patchen mare.

A bay filly by Stamboul, 2.07½, dam Tricket, 2.14, was dropped at Forbes Farm, May 30. It is the fastest bred youngster ever dropped in New England.

Many trotters and pacers not only standard bred, but exceedingly well bred, that are models of form and style, are destitute of the crowning merit, speed.

Bran stands foremost as the food most generally in use for the invalid horse; it acts as a laxative, is frequently tempting to the appetite and easy of digestion.

Yearling races have yet to become popular with the public, and it is questionable whether the number of events for trotters of that age will increase in the future.

Pactolus, 2.12½, in his campaign as a yearling, two, three, four, and five-year-old, has never been behind the money but three times. His legs and feet today are without blemish.

Honest racing is demanded, and good sport is demanded, and no longer the intolerable prolongations of trotting races of the past, especially in scoring, will be supported.

The records of Hal Pointer, Belle Hamlin Nancy Hanks, artha Wilkes, Allerton, Sunlon Arion, Kremlin, Stamboul and Goldsmith Maid were obtained in struggles against the watch.

There is no farm that contains so much of the blood of Electioneer, excepting Palo Alto itself, as Prospect Hill Farm, Franklin, Penn., and it has well been styled the Palo Alto of the East.

The breeding of horses for the turf has reached that point where a tin-cup record is looked upon as a reproach rather than a credit, for it carries with it the inference that the animal is not a race-horse.

Bran mashes may be given hot or cold—cold are perhaps quite as grateful to the horse—but the nibbling of hot mash in catarrhal affections is particularly beneficial, from the necessary inhalation of the steam.

The heaviest foal dropped on Allen Farm this season is a chestnut colt by Mazatlan, dam Mirella, by Kentucky Prince. He put in an appearance on the evening of May 26, and tipped the scales at 140 pounds at birth.

Stamboul will not be asked to go any fast quarters for some time, as Doble does not think a horse that is brought from California to this part of the country regains his form until he has passed the better part of a year here.

Public opinion has become so strong against the anti-pool law in Connecticut that a bill has been introduced, which, if passed, will permit the trotting associations, bicycle organizations and other societies to hold their annual gatherings.

Maurice D. Clarke, M. D., of Haverhill Mass., has a handsome bay filly foaled June 4, by Fire King, standard grandson of Lord Russel, sire of Kremlin, 2.07½. It is Fire King's first foal. The dam is a speedy road mare by Fred Lothair 2.29½, dam by the Leighton Horse.

Barley, says an authority, is without a peer as food for horses. They will do more work on it than on oats, corn, peas, beans or any combination of these. The Arabs make extensive use of it for their horses when on long hard journeys, preferring it to anything else obtainable.

At Denver, Col., May 31, the twelve-year-old brown horse Longtime broke the six-mile trotting record. It was previously held by the chestnut gelding Satellite, by Tempter, who trotted in 16.53 in 1886. Longtime trotted the distance with only one break in 16.08.

The best and easiest way to oil harness is to use crude petroleum. Put a little lamp-black in it and apply it without washing the leather. The oil will take off the dirt; it will go into the leather, keeping the water out and make it softer. It will turn water and will not injure the leather.

Any breeder that has any natural tact for driving a horse can certainly develop the speed of his colts to such a degree that it can be told whether or not they are likely to be fast enough to be race winners: and in either case the training is quite sure to make them good road horses, if not trotters, and there is a good market for either class.

Breeders and blacksmiths should take note of this: At Palo Alto the horseshoer is never allowed to use a knife on the feet of trotters. The rasp only must be carefully used, and should there be any marks of it on the outside of the hoof, a prompt dismissal of the employe would follow. Very little trouble is ever experienced with horses' feet on this farm.

It is not so much the fashion as it used to be in the days of Hiram Woodruff to prevent a horse from obtaining proper nourishment before a race, but there is still lingering in the minds and methods of a good many trainers too much of the old-fashioned idea that a horse should be "drawn before a race. Trainers who have modern ideas in their heads and who learn something as they go through life have long ago been taught by experience that a horse can no more trot a good race on an empty stomach than a man could do a hard job in a similar physical condition.

The trotters and pacers went fast at Pittsburg on decoration day. The six-year-old brown stallion Alvan Swift, by Alvan, won in 2.16½, 2.18½ and 2.20. His previous record was 2.17½, so that thus early in the season he has knocked two seconds off his record. In the 2.45 class the bay gelding, Edgar W., reduced his record from 2.44½ to 2.34½, while in the same race the bay horse E. L. Robinson, by Epaulet, trotted in the same time. In the 2.24 class, Easter Wilkes, by Wilkes Spirit Jr., won the third, fourth and fifth heats in 2.23, and 2.21½, which was a big out off his mark.

Did you ever think how fast a horse at a 2.20 gait moves? His feet move a little faster than a mile in 1.10, as his body is moving at 2.20, and as ground is stationary and then it picked up and moved forward to take the next step, the foot must move as much faster than the body as to make the step, which is over twice as fast. Now the action is—the foot is at rest upon the ground and is raised some one or two feet high, then forced forward nearly the full length of the leg, then lowered to the ground and is at rest for nearly two-thirds of the time that the next step is being taken. The time, nearly two-thirds, I think is too long, but it is from one-half to two-thirds of the next step.

About Stanley.

The Halifax Echo says: There are some cool people in St. John and evidently the owner of the horse Earl, formerly Stanley entered for the free-for-all in the Halifax Driving club races on May 24th is one of them. It will be remembered that Earl was not allowed to start owing to the non-payment of about \$200 ordered by the trotting association as a condition of reinstatement. Had a bond been given the horse could have started, but it was not. Now the owner sends a bill to the riding ground authorities for \$110 expenses and intimates that the refusal to allow the horse to start was a trick to give a Halifax horse the race. Mr. Earl evidently thinks the Driving club and Riding grounds are all one and the same. And even if they were, he could have seen the telegraphic correspondence from the secretary of the trotting association regarding the matter had he wished.

The Cholera Outlook.

At a late meeting of the Berlin medical society Professor Virchow made the reassuring announcement that there is no probability of an outbreak of the Cholera anywhere in Germany this year. A

month ago he said the direct contrary, it is said, but then conditions may have changed in that time. It is reported sub rosa, though, that a laborer died in Holstein last week with all the symptoms of cholera, and that two others were taken to the hospital suffering in a similar manner. It is also reported that a case had occurred in Hamburg, but nothing more has been said about it. It looks a little dubious, too, that the authorities of Germany have given out that any newspaper which announces the existence of cholera there is to be prosecuted.

Cutting Down The Telegram.

John, said Mr. Squills, the old chemist, to his son, I will give you one hundred pounds to go away with. Maybe as you don't like my business, you will find a better one.

Three weeks later the young man landed in New York. A month later, finding but six pounds in his possession, he determined to sail home again. It was best to let his father know before-hand; but how? A letter would be too slow, so off went John to the telegraph office.

Four shillings a word to London, sir, answered the polite clerk to his enquiry.

I want to tell my father I've spent all my money, and I'm sorry, and I'm coming home, and want him to forgive me, and, and lot of other things, and I can only pay for six words to tell him everything, said John.

Cut it short, replied the clerk.

John sat down and thought. An hour after to his intense astonishment, the old man received the following telegram:—

Squills, London. Fatted calf for one.

It Was Petrified.

A Yankee travelling in England listened for some time to a crowd of men talking together about the wonders they had seen in other lands. While others expressed surprise at what they had heard the Yankee remained passive, and he even yawned when others were working up to a high pitch of excitement. At length one of the travellers said to him:

Have you anything in your country so superior and so much more wonderful than you could tell us about?

Waal, I just have, drawled the Yankee. There's hundreds of more wonderful things over in Ameriky that we don't pay no heed to.

Oh, you mean Niagara Falls and the Mammoth Cave and such things? said one.

Pshaw! We don't count caves, nor watersprings though we can beat creation in such things. Say, did any of you fellows hear of the petrified forest in Arizona?—hundreds of thousands of acres of stone forests.

And the trees standing?

The trees standing? Waal, I should say so, and not only standing but all in leaf and some of them in blossom, and others again full of nuts and other fruit, all turned in stone mind you.

And I suppose there were birds in the trees? sneered one.

Birds! Yes, sir, no ends of birds all of the most beautiful plumage and all turned into stone. Even the nests in the trees and the eggs in them were petrified in the most wonderful manner you ever saw. I see some of you fellows doubt me. Waal, all I have to say is that what I am telling you is true, and I'll bet any sum on it, and take you there to prove it. I'll tell you what I saw last time I was in the petrified forest. There was a hunter who must have been in the forest when the petrification took place, for he was petrified too, and there he stood as straight as you please, with a petrified gun on his shoulder aiming at a petrified bird. Why, the whole thing was so natural that you could see the shot and smoke coming out of the muzzle of the—

I've got you there! interrupted the Englishman. The law of gravitation would have brought down the smoke and the bullets.

So it would, said the Yankee, but the funny thing about it was that the law of gravitation was petrified too, and so the blamed thing did not work.

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