

HORSE NOTES

Alcantara leads.
Great are the Jay Birds.
Thirteen new Alcantaras are in.
Alcyone has three in the 2.12 list.
Sylvester K. was good at Baltimore.
Rochester's fair was a record breaker.
The fair season is drawing to a close.
Norman Abdallah has a record of 2.29 1/4.
It won't do to count out Fanny Wilcox.
Martha Wilkes will be bred to Guy Wilkes.
Trotters need to be bred well on both sides.
Rochester fair is said to have cleared \$5,000.
C. I. Hood has a 2.20 race mare in Katie Mac.
Morris J. Jones is said to have bought Alix, 2.07 1/2.
Greta by Viking, has a filly by Goldleaf, 2.16 1/2.
Early Bird gave the talent a great scare at Mystic.
The dam of Edith H., 2.15 1/2, has been bred to Potential.
Katrina 2.25 1/2 owned by Dr. Steeves of St. John, is a newcomer for Conn's Harry Wilkes.
Hulda's injury is similar to that which retired Allerton.
Jack Bowen doesn't seem to be in the game this year.
Pinch a horse and he will be obliged to show his quality.
Descendants of Strathmore are siring a high rate of speed.
Lightning by Alcantara, has shown a mile in a race in 2.13.
Cartridge is the fastest performer ever bred by Robert Bonner.
McKinney by Alcyone, has cut his record to 2.14 in a race.
Foggy 2.13 1/2, is owned by W. H. Bradford, Bennington Vt.
Jawhaker is the gamest three-year-old that ever took the word.
If you have a common place horse sell him at the first opportunity.
Gipsy M., dam of Lifemark (3) 2.26 1/2 is also the dam of Santa Clara (4) 2.28.
Philadelphia Driving Park conducted a \$6,000 meeting this week.
Secretary Greenwood reports 127 mares for his stallion Geneva this season.
Sons of George Wilkes have added over 150 2.30 performers to the 1893 list.
Pa Hamlin thinks Fantasy 2.13 1/2, can beat the 3-year-old record of 2.10 1/2.
A Kentucky-bred three-year-old won New England's big stallion race this year.
They say Factory Boy will stop, but somehow he has been getting the big end of the money.
Almon Jr., with twelve new ones is right on the heels of Alcantara with thirteen.
A good share in the virtue in the application of liniment to horses depends on the rubbing in.
Goldsmith and his string were the bright particular stars of the New England Breeders' meeting.
Ordinary horses are very cheap, but extra good horses of any type are worth more than ever.
The annual meeting of the Trotting Horse Drivers' association was held Oct. 9, at Lexington, Ky.
Palt Alto Chimes 2.27 1/2 is own brother to Merrimack Chimes, owned at Franklin Falls, N. H., by C. L. Hunt.
The dam of Pamlico 2.11 1/2 is again in foal to his sire Meander. She produced this year a filly by Robert McGregor.
The coming years are bound to proclaim Viking's greatness as a sire. Get a little blood if you haven't any on tap.
Jingle Bells a yearling filly by Jingles 2.28 1/2, took first premium at the recent Morrisville Vt., fair and another Jingles' bolt got second premium.
The get of Falls and Elfwood, owned at Sunderland, Mass., were winners of the yearling and two-year-old races at the recent Northampton (Mass.) fair.
Sylvester K., 2.20 1/2, is the best race horse any son of Daniel Lambert has ever produced, and Pamlico, 2.11 1/2, the greatest race horse any daughter of the famous Morgan progenitor has ever produced.
J. K. P. Pine, who conducts the breeding business at Castleton, Vt., is going to close out his farm and stock. Sable Knight by Sable Wilkes, Top Royal, 2.26 1/2, and other good ones are among them.
Judge Advocate is dead. He was owned by J. M. Littlefield of Foxcroft, Me., and was sired by Messenger Ducro, dam by Neaves' Cassius M. Clay. He was the sire of five in the 2.30 list, including Hortense, 2.20.
Neither Stamboul nor Nelson have done anything of consequence toward record breaking and to this list might be added the name of Arion. The brunt of the fight has been born up to date by little Circum.
Perial, A. A. Austin's good yearling, is a colt of extraordinary merit as an individual. A part from the fact that he has been campaigned 3000 miles, and shown a mile in a race in 2.40 1/2, he is as sound as a bullet, and big and strong.
Thetis, 2.19 1/2, is the best race mare New Hampshire has ever produced. She can

go three heats in 2.16 and finish in every one of them. The "glib" teamsters at Mystic last week all liked her. She can be made to go three heats in 1.12.
Ability as reinsmen runs in some families. Uncle Billy Doble was a good one in his time, and his sons, Budd and Charley, took after him. The brothers James and John Goldsmith are on record as great reinsmen. So are the brothers Gil and John Curry. John and Allie Trout are an able father and son, as are William H. Saunders and his sons William H. Jr., and George W.
Burnhill (4) by Viking, dam by Mambino Wilkes bred by Hon. P. C. Cheney of Manchester, N. H., was separately timed in her race in 2.10 1/2. This is pretty good for a filly that couldn't show a trotting gait at her sale a few years ago. The cross she represents produces trotters, and now that the mighty Viking is no more, it might be well to try the counter cross, of breeding Viking mares to Mambino Wilkes. Two great sires, considering their opportunities, are these two horses.
Said an old and practical trainer: The person to handle and develop a yearling trotter is the farmer's boy who doesn't know too much about speed. A 3.30 gait to him is fast, and a 2.00 clip is "great guns". To we old trainers the gait is a jog, and we hustle along the colt like an old horse until we overwork, and he trains off.
Wm. Corbett, the owner of Guy Wilkes, the foremost sire in the Wilkes family, was an interested observer of the track performances at Mystic Park. Mr. Corbett is the owner of the larger part of the stars in Johnny Goldsmith's great stable, and must be accorded the distinction of being one of the most successful breeders of trotters and race horses in the world. Guy Wilkes weighed 1205 pounds the day he took his record of 2.15 1/2. He should weigh in track condition 1075. Prior to this race he had not gone a mile faster than 2.30. But the horse showed such a turn of speed that I gave orders to Johnny to get a low mark, and he took one in the deciding heat of 2.15 1/2. In my opinion, if Guy Wilkes were to be retired from the stud and fitted for a fast record he would lower any stallion record now upon the boards. Will he be? No. I never take a horse from the stud after once retiring him. This applies to Sable Wilkes as well as to Guy Wilkes. In my judgment any breeder makes a mistake after once retiring a stallion to endeavor to put him into shape afterwards to race or go fast. It takes a long time to key them up again. Mr. Corbett is an elderly, stout, affable gentleman who is willing to talk, and who does not think he "knows it all." He regards the Wilkes family as preeminently the most wonderful family of trotters on earth, and ventures the prediction that the family table of winnings this year will eclipse the winnings of all other family of trotters combined. He thinks the opportunities for a stallion like Guy Wilkes in the East are far greater than in California, but considers the chances for early development on the Pacific slope superior to any offered here. The writer left Mr. Corbett talking horse with Dr. Geo. B. Cogswell of North Easton, Mass., a brainy physician and far-visioned breeder, who owns the sensational colt trotter Bither, by Kremlin, 2.07 1/2.

Etiquette Department.
Editor Etiquette Department:
1. Should a written answer be sent to an invitation which has been left verbally whether or no it is accepted, or should a verbal answer be given? 3. An article found and returned by a gentleman to a lady (acquaintance very slight between them)? should she send written acknowledgement? If not, how can she thank him.
DORA.
Ans.—It is not necessary to send a written answer, and only when requested is a verbal answer required. 2. No a written acknowledgement would be quite out of place for such a trifling civility, especially with a slight acquaintance. When next she meets the gentleman she can thank him verbally.
Editor Etiquette Department:
1. My husband and self having invitations to a wedding will not be able to attend; how should the regrets be worded? 3. In sending the present is it necessary to write congratulations or merely send card?
OLD COUNTRY.
1. Your answer should be worded as follows (keep as much as possible to the same style and wording as that of the invitation received): Mr. and Mrs.—regret extremely that they are unable to accept the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs.—to be present at the marriage of their daughter or son (here mention names mentioned on invitation card), on such a day, at such a church and hour as those specified on card. 2. It is usual to send a card with the present with the kind regards and good wishes, or the compliments and good wishes of Mr. and Mrs.—. This shows in a nice way the kindly feelings of the donor towards the future bride.
Editor Etiquette Department:
A young married lady is spending the evening with her mother and younger unmarried sisters, there being also present an unmarried lady, who is staying in the house. A gentleman visitor (an intimate friend, happens in. In what order should he shake hands with the ladies?
COUNTRY COUSIN.
Ans.—He should shake hands first with the mother, she being mistress of the house, and so taking the precedence of all the other ladies present. There is frequently such hap hazard indifference shown in matters of this kind, any form

will serve the purpose that it is quite gratifying to see the solicitude to do the really right thing, as evinced by the writer of the above question. His example may serve as a good one to more than one town brother, though from his signature, he apparently wishes to mislead us and to be looked upon as a rustic relative.

Editor Etiquette Department:
Will you kindly inform me whether it is correct for the groom and best man to wear evening dress at a wedding between 5 and 6 p. m., the wedding is to be at church: I had always understood that 6 p. m. was the hour at which the line was drawn between morning and evening costume. Will you be good enough to give me an idea of the principal duties of best man on such an occasion? I may have occasion to serve soon in this capacity, and knowing very little of what is required of me, I feel relieved to know that there is one place to which one can go and get useful information.
BEST MAN.
Ans.—No, evening dress would not be suitable at this hour. You are right in fixing the boundary line for this style of costume at six o'clock. The generally accepted duties of best man at a wedding are as follows: He is to be in readiness to accompany the groom to the church and remain with him in the vestry until they go into the church while waiting the arrival of the bride, where he takes his place at the rear. After the marriage ceremony he goes with the bride party into the vestry, where he is ready to be of any service required; he usually drives home with the bridesmaids, takes the first bridesmaid in to breakfast or whatever style of entertainment is had on the occasion, and while making himself polite and useful "all round" is particularly so to her, she being as a general rule, either the sister, near relative or dear friend of the bride. The best man always goes to the station with the bride and groom (in a separate carriage) generally in company with the bridesmaids, sees to their baggage and to making their "send off" as happy and comfortable as possible. If anything is forgotten it is his duty to forward it without delay. Last, but certainly not least, it is his place to see on arriving at the church that the bridegroom has the ring, also to leave his hat and that of the groom in the vestry, they are unnecessary and awkward articles in church. If the health of the bridesmaids is proposed, it is his place to return thanks for them and make a speech which is usually considered the speech of the occasion. A good authority on such matters writes as follows: "It be hoves the best man to be smart and witty and certainly if such a subject does not inspire him nothing ever will!"

JINGLES OF HUMOR.
A Little Nonsense Gathered for Leisure Reading.
Jack—Pa, is 'gent an abbreviation of a gentleman?
Pa—No; it's generally an exaggeration of all his faults with an abbreviation of his virtues!
Lady (entering shoe store)—I would like to look at some No. 2's.
New Boy (anxious to show his knowledge)—Yes'm; most every one looks at No. 2's first.
Oh, Maria, I'm so glad to see you. I haven't seen you for ever so long. Where are you boarding?
Maria (loftily)—I don't board. I am married and have taken a flat.
You don't say so? What is his name?
A certain minister whose health had been impaired by too close attention to his duties in a large parish applied to his physician for counsel.
Go gunning, dominie! go gunning! was the advice he received. It will help you, and it won't hurt the birds.
Jack—Maud wants to know why you shun her company now.
Tom—Well, the fact is, I'm hard up.
Jack—I'll tell her and you needn't shun her any more.
Tom (brightening up)—By Jove, do you think so?
Jack—Yes. She'll shun you.
Mrs. W. dancing with Mr. S. (who is noted for being almost the thinnest man living) slips, and to save herself catches hold of Mr. S.'s leg.
Mrs. W. (trying to apologize and blushing deeply)—I beg your pardon, Mr. S. but a drowning man will catch at straws, you know.
Great Scott! exclaimed the worried looking man with a tooth-marked lead pencil, can't you keep the baby quiet?
I'm doing my best, answered his wife. He's only laughing.
I can't help that, it's noise. And I've got to finish this poem about What Our Darling Prattler Says, for the Cherub's Own before night, or they won't use it.
Mr. Fondhusband, an aged New York widower, got married recently for the fourth time, notwithstanding he has a house full of grown-up children. While the marriage ceremony was being performed, one of the guests, hearing sobs in the next room, asked one of the children what was the matter.
It's only Emily, was the reply. She always howls when papa gets married again.
Ever in gaol asked Dare Devil Dick. Once, answered Bill, Hoss stealin'. Git sent up!
Yes. Two year.
What was y'r pals? Couldn't they prove an alibi?
Yes, they could hev proved one for me, but they couldn't hev proved an alibi for the hoss. I wuz ridin' him when I was ketchted, 'gosh!

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