

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

TURF NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

An Interesting Budget from our St. Croix Correspondent.

I see Geo. Carvill has taken Speculation to Mystic park to trot in the 2.37 class, this week, and I admire George's good pluck in starting "Spec." with such a good field of horses. "Spec." must be able to show a great deal more speed than he has yet shown, and it is hoped "Spec." may be able to beat 2.30, as it would be a great feather in George's cap.

Axtell 2.12. How does that sound? And it is a fact. At Terre Haute, Ind., on Oct. 10, Williams drove Axtell to beat the best stallion record and the record of the great Sunol (2.13 $\frac{1}{4}$), and succeeded in killing two birds with one stone, as he beat all previous stallion records and put the three-year-old record up a notch without a skip or a break. He went the mile in 2.12, the grandest performance the world has ever seen. Just think of a three-year-old beating the aged stallion record of Maxey Cobb (2.13 $\frac{1}{4}$), that has been a shooting mark for old horses for five years.

At Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27, Williams also drove the three-year-old filly, Annie Dickinson, by Lumps, a grand race. The 2.30 pacing class had eight starters. John won the first heat in 2.25, and Annie the second in 2.23 $\frac{1}{2}$. John got the third in 2.27 $\frac{1}{4}$; Annie the fourth in 2.26 $\frac{1}{4}$; President Wilkes the fifth in 2.26, and Annie the sixth and last in 2.21, just equalling the record of her sire. Four years ago Mr. Williams bred four mares each to a son of Geo. Wilkes, and this year he said he had three three-year-olds that could beat 2.20 and four three-year-olds that could beat 2.30. He has succeeded in driving Axtell, by William L., in 2.12; Allerton, by Jay Bird, in 2.18 $\frac{1}{2}$, the third heat, and Annie Dickinson, by Lumps, in 2.21, the sixth heat, and says he will beat 2.20 with Annie this week, at Lexington. Mr. Williams can boast of being the only man in America, that bred, owns, trains and drives the grandest trio of three-year-olds the world ever saw.

Lumps and Ray Gould and foal arrived home on Friday by rail.

Charlie Mitchell is another to place his name in the charmed circle as he won two heats at Beacon last week in 2.28 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.28 $\frac{1}{4}$. Add another to All Right's list.

Can Nelson win at Lexington, Ky.? seems to be the prevailing question. With Jack, 2.15 $\frac{3}{4}$; Alcyon, 2.16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Iona, 2.17 $\frac{1}{2}$; Norval, 2.17 $\frac{1}{4}$; Geneva S., 2.19 $\frac{1}{4}$; and Bermuda, 2.20 $\frac{1}{4}$, it looks as if Jim Golden had a job on his hands that would be difficult to perform as Norval is said to be able to trot faster than Nelson has ever shown, while Bermuda can trot and stay all day. If the heats are split out look for "Knap." McCarthy with General S. and Budd with Jack should be able to give Nelson a heart breaker for two heats.

The Spirit of the Times Futurity stake for three year olds was trotted at Cleveland Tuesday, Oct. 8, and won by Margaret S. by Director, the California filly; Palo Alto Belle, by Electioneer, 2nd; Fortuna, by Florida, 3rd; and San Malo, by Nuggett, 4th; time 2.23 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.23 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.24. The winner got \$3738 and the silver goblet, valued at \$1000.

At San Jose, Cal., Oct. 6, the four-year-old pacers Adonis and Gold Leaf, both by Sidney, paced a race, which was won by Adonis in three heats, in 2.14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.14. It is said that Gold Leaf has been "off," but is rounding to, and may be able to turn the tables shortly. Electioneer with Palo Alto, 2.13 $\frac{1}{4}$; Sunol, 2.13 $\frac{1}{4}$; Dictator with Jay Eye See, 2.10, and Phallus, 2.13 $\frac{1}{4}$, are the only two sires who have two performers that have beaten 2.14.

The Cultivator, speaking of the Morgan cross, says:

It is found in George Wilkes, who won more heats in 2.30, or better, than all of Hambletonian's other entire sons, and in the dam of Red Wilkes, who has more 2.30 trotters in his list than any other of Geo. Wilkes' sons; in the dam of Prince Wilkes, 2.14 $\frac{1}{4}$; the fastest Red Wilkes in Whitesocks, 2.20 $\frac{1}{2}$; the fastest of Alcantara's get in Alcyon, 2.16 $\frac{1}{4}$; the fastest of Alcyone's get, and in Rosalind Wilkes, the fastest trotter got by Conn's Harry Wilkes" (now owned by the government of New Brunswick).

This is certainly a curious fact, and goes to show that the Morgan strain is one of great speed production.

"Franco-American," the Parisian correspondent to the Spirit of the Times, commenting on the International Horse Show recently held at Paris, says:

An evident injustice has been done to Mr. Terry's horses, who had better have kept them at home. He might have been sure before sending his horses to the Exposition that a gang of Normans would never allow an American horse to rank above theirs, even those American horses which were far superior both in speed and general conformation as trotters.

Where the criticism of "Franco-American" applies to is in the class of trotting bred stallions, three years old or over. First premium, a gold medal and 4,000 francs, to French stallion Valencourt; second, silver medal and 2,500 francs, to French stallion Harley, and third, bronze medal and 1500 francs, to American stallion Milton, 2.22, by Smuggler, owned by A. E. Terry, Topeka, Kansas. And again, in the trotting-bred mares, three-years and over, the first premium, gold medal and 2,000 francs, to Finlande; second, silver

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medal and 1,000 francs, to Berenice, and third, bronze medal and 800 francs, to Mollie Wilkes, 2.20 $\frac{1}{2}$, owned by A. E. Terry. It will be seen that in both contests that the Americans were beaten by French horses, while neither the latter were as speedy or as well bred.

Major S. T. Dickenson who bought Aubine has mated her with Lady Wellington and drives them together, and recently hitched to top buggy the Major drove them a half in 1.08 $\frac{1}{2}$ over Fleetwood, after which like Fleming got in and drove them a half in 1.06 $\frac{1}{2}$. Under favorable conditions they will be driven a fast mile, as they make a great pair and drive as one horse.

The match between Belle Hamlin and Harry Wilkes, at Fleetwood last week, was won by Belle in two heats; best time 2.16 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Canton Stock Farm, Joliet, Ill., lost the premier stallion Don Cossack, by August Belmont dam Laystain Lass, by Alex. Abdallah 2nd, dam by Mambrino Chief. The Don died at the Fair grounds, Peoria, Ill., from inflammation of the stomach. He was a bay horse 13 years old, 16.2 hands high, with a record of 2.28 as a five year old. Of late years he has been almost invincible as a show ring horse, and has never been defeated but by Mambrino King, and with five of his get he was sure of the blue ribbon.

Nelson's three heats in 2.15, 2.17 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.15, average 2.15 $\frac{3}{4}$ at Buffalo are the three fastest heats trotted by a stallion up to Oct. 1, 1889.

Alcyon heads the list of grand circuit winners, with \$10,275; Sprague Gold Dust second, \$6,650; Star Lilly third, \$6,600; Belle Hamlin fourth, beating Harry Wilkes, \$6,587; while Hal Pointer, Harry Wilkes, Gene Smith, Aubine, Prince Regent, Nelson, Ed. Annan and Geneva S., follow with over \$3,000 to their name.

Golo Maid, three-year-old pacer, reduced her record to 2.12 $\frac{1}{4}$, going to the half in 1.05 $\frac{1}{2}$, and was never touched nor spoken to.

Nelson's get are selling for high prices. The two-year-old Icy, by Nelson, dam Gray Nose, by old Fearnought, brought \$1,000, while \$2,000 has been refused for two more.

The only brood mares that have produced two stallions with records of 2.20, or better, are Columbine, the dam of Anteo, 2.16 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Antevolo, 2.19 $\frac{1}{2}$, both by Electioneer, and Water Witch dam of Viking, 2.19 $\frac{1}{4}$, by Belmont and Mambrino Gift, 2.20.

Pool sellers say this was the best year on record for pools in the grand circuit. The heaviest betting was at Buffalo, where over \$400,000 went in; Hartford, \$375,000; Cleveland, \$350,000, and Rochester, \$320,000. Just stop and think of over one million and a half of dollars bet on horse trotting in four weeks, and think of the poor fellows who "hoofed it" home broke, while the lucky man rode home in a coach, and lies round the coal stove during the cold winter months, while Johnnie Fresh shovels snow for a nickel to keep alive.

Nominator, who won the two-year-old race at Mystic, is a noble bred colt. He is by Stranger, by Gen. Washington, by Gen. Knox. The dam of Stranger was Goldsmith Maid; the dam of Gen. Washington was Lady Thorne; the dam of Nominator is Sapphire, by Jay Gould, and the dam of Sapphire is Lucy, by Geo. M.

Patchen. If this colt, Nominator, can't trot, no horse ought to, as he has the blood of four in his veins that beat 2.20, while the grand trio of old mares were the grandest the world has ever seen.

ST. CROIX.

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"There is a change in trousers and hats, then?"

"A very considerable change in trousers. The military cut prevails everywhere among the best tailors. New York has set the fashion in this respect and London has followed it. The loose and baggy trousers of a year ago, which were made smaller around the foot than around the knee, have given place to a straight up-and-down line and a closer fit to the knee. The bell-crowned hats have disappeared, though the beavers of today have a slight circular cut to the crown and a curl to the rim that reminds one of them."—Interview in N. Y. Sun.

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