

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

TURF NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE ON THE CONTINENT.

An Interesting Budget from our St. Croix Correspondent—What Has Been Accomplished in the Way of Bettering the Record—Some Big Prices Paid.

Mr. Will Eaton has exchanged his grey horse, Dukemont, by Olympus, with Fred. Mercier for his five-year-old chestnut mare by Olympus, dam Rosa, by Tom Lang.

Col. Russell's four-year-old stallion Edge Mark, by Victor Von Bismarck, trotted a trial at St. Louis, Ky., against time to break the four-year-old record of Sable Wilkes' 2.18, and succeeded in trotting in 2.16, beating the stallion record for that age, and just equalling the four-year-old of Manzanita by Electioneer.

Annie Dickinson, by Lumps, paced to a record of 2.19½ last week at Kentucky, making three two-year-olds Williams has beaten 2.20 with this year. Annie has been bred to Axtell. Aubine and Lady Wellington trotted a mile at Fleetwood last week, double, in 2.16, and it is said they will break 2.15 before the season closes. Williams says that if Axtell keeps all right next year he will break Maud S's record three times in an afternoon.

That Kittie C. the supposed wringer is all right is guaranteed by the fact that Kittie C. won her race at Lawrence, Mass. last Thursday.

The owner of the pacing stallion Roy Wilkes was fined \$1,000 for attempting to dump the free-for-all race at Lexington, Ky., and Geo. Robens, who drove the horse, was fined \$500 for pulling Roy. Now the National Trotting Association come to the front and at the next session of the Association the Balch Stallion Race is to be investigated, as no horseman believes that Nelson could ever beat Alerion if Robens (who pulled Roy Wilkes) had driven to win. It looks now as though there would be a very unpleasant settlement of a race that all Maine went crazy over. Nelson says Jim Golden could not drive Nelson and that is the reason he is not for sale. At the recent Breeders' meeting at Boston, Nelson got up to drive his horse to beat 2.14½. After two failures to do so he asked Golden to drive him a mile, and the first mile Jimmy Golden ever sat behind Nelson he drove him in 2.17½, driving a second faster than his owner could in two attempts on the same afternoon. So Nelson's verdict that Jim could not drive the horse does not hold water. The *Horseman* says that "Jack trotted Nelson to a standstill in the second and third heats, and that Nelson and Alerion in each heat at once took the lead and were never approached until the three-quarter pole was reached," while the *Cultivator* says, "Geneva S. and Norval formed a combination and shut Nelson in a pocket in the second heat, which gave Jack such a lead that Nelson could not cut down."

You can read all the accounts, and then draw your own conclusions. There have been eight three-year-olds to beat 2.20 this year, six trotters, Axtell, 2.12; Sunol, 2.13½; Lillian Wilkes, 2.17½; Allerton and Faust, 2.18½; and Margaret S., 3.19½, and two pacers, Don Pizzaro, 2.15½, and Annie Dickinson, 2.19½, a galaxy of stars that the trotting world has never before seen. The horses that have trotted faster than 2.14 this year are, Guy, 2.10½; Axtell, 2.12; Belle Hamlin, 2.12½; Bonnie McGregor, Sunol and Palo Alto, 2.13½ each, while the pacers have done considerably better. Johnson has not paced a heat this year as slow as 2.14, while he has beaten 2.10 nearly a dozen times, and his fastest mile is 2.06½; Gold Leaf, 2.11½; Yolo Maid, 2.12½; Brown Hal, 2.12½; Roy Wilkes, 2.12½; Halpointer, 2.13; Bessemer, 2.13½; Budd Doble, 2.13½; Adonis, Lillian and Willard M., 2.14, with California to hear from.

At Fleetwood, Oct. 11, the 2.25 class was won by Edith R., by Monaco, by Wedgewood, dam Augusta Schuyler, by Arberdeen, second dam Emeline, by Henry B. Patchen, she winning the second, third and sixth heats, in 2.22½, 2.23½ and 2.25½. John Trout, with C. C. K., won the first heat in 2.25, and Charles Gibson won the fourth and fifth in 2.24½ and 2.27. Speaking of the race, Forester says: "Edith R. trotted a splendid race. I watched her with considerable interest, as she was out of one of Mr. Todd's Emeline mares. Edith R. is a fast, level-headed, game, enduring young mare. Her mile in 2.22½, from third place, in a large field of good horses, gives a line on her speed, and I liked her on the score; she is such a well-behaved young lady, so easily controlled."

At San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 12, the 2.20 stallion race was won by Direct, the grand four-year-old son of Director, in straight heats; time 2.18½, 2.19½, 2.19½.

Budd Doble has purchased one-fifth of Axtell.

Major B. G. Thomas, of the Dixiana stud, Lexington, Ky., has purchased the celebrated running horse Hanover, from Dwyer Bros., Brooklyn, and Hanover will now be used for breeding purposes.

At Philadelphia, Penn., Oct. 16, 1834, Andrew Jackson trotted to saddle in 2.42½ and was then the fastest trotting stallion living. The next year he reduced it to 2.38½, which was the best on record until Nov. 17, 1847, when Andrew's son Long Island Black Hawk to wagon reduced it to

2.38, and on May 10, 1853, Ethan Allan, then four years old, put it down to 2.36, in 1855 to 2.34½, in 1856, to wagon, 2.32½, and in 1858 to 2.28. Then George M. Patchen in '59 reduced it to 2.24 to saddle, and in '60 to 2.23½, which stood for eight years, when Fearnought in '68 reduced it to 2.21½. In October the same year Geo. Wilkes lowered it to 2.22. In 1872 Jay Gould put it down to 2.21½; then came Smuggler on Aug. 5, 1874, with 2.20½; Aug. 13, Mambrino Gift reduced it to 2.20 and on Sept. 15, 1874, Smuggler also trotted in 2.20. In 1875 Smuggler reduced it to 2.15½. On July 14, 1884, Phallus reduced it to 2.13½, and Sept. 20, 1884, Maxey Cobb reduced it to 2.13½. On Oct. 11, 1889, Axtell. Ethan Allen was four years old when he made his record and is the youngest stallion on the reducing list, with the exception of the last and greatest of all, the three year old king of all stallions, Axtell.

The highest-priced horses ever sold are Axtell \$105,000; Doncaster \$70,000; Blair Athol \$60,000; while Ormonde is said to have sold for \$80,000; Bell Boy, \$51,000; Stamboul \$50,000; Maud S. and Smuggles \$40,000; King Thomas \$40,000; Rams \$36,000; Pocahontas \$35,000; Dexter \$35,000; Jay Gould, Lady Thorne, Blackwood and Anteo each \$30,000; Pancoast \$28,000; Gov. Sprague and Patron \$27,500; Happy Medium, Wedgewood, Geo. M. Patchen, Macey and Suttan \$25,000 each, so says the *Horseman*.

At Sherman, Texas, Oct. 7, the two-year-old filly Reno's Baby won the two-year-old trotting race in 2.46, and on the same afternoon won the two-year-old pacing race in 2.43, and can beat 2.40 quite a piece at both ways of going. This is the first time in the history of the trotting horse that so young an animal made such a remarkable performance as Reno's Baby. The pacers Fred Arthur 2.15½, and Bessemer, 2.13½, are matched for \$500 a side at Lexington, Ky., both are five-year-olds, game and speedy, and a grand race is promised.

Al Slipp should be happy to think he is the possessor of such a fine young horse as Melbourne King, by Mambrino King, as the latter's colts are proving to be very game and speedy, and are a very scarce article on the market. I am told that as game race horses as are on earth are the get of Mambrino King. "Go slow with him, Al, and next year put him in the 2.30 list," is what I heard a gentleman say in St. John, and I think that 2.30 should be no measure of Melbourne's speed on a good mile track.

The old grey pacing mare, Lucy (2.14), is making quite a reputation as a brood mare, as O. A. Hickok has a four-year-old pacing gelding by Guy Wilkes out of Lucy that can fly, and has shown a two minute, while Lucy's yearling colt, by Electioneer, has paced a quarter in 32 seconds. No race was too long for Lucy, and if she could win a heat so as to be in at the finish of the race, there was generally lots of hedging after the sixth heat to win on old Lucy.

I overheard a gentleman remark the other night that "if Edgardo and School Marm ever came together he would put his money on the mare." Now, sonny, don't you do it, for Ed. can beat School Marm as easy as falling off a log, or Bloodmont, or Dukemont, or McKusick, or Olympus, or any of his get. Paste that in your hat

and don't forget it, and if you are not wiser you will have more money in your pocket should any of this "great sire's get" ever run up against this colt with the "cold strain of blood" in a race as there would be only one colt in it—Edgardo.

C. H. Eaton is driving Magnolia, 5 year old, by Claymo, dam Little Nell, and for a gentleman's driving horse he has no equal and is the best on the St. Croix. He is large, stylish, well made and nice gaited, very steady, level headed, and a child can handle him or drive him any place and there is only one thing wrong with him. I believe he is not well enough bred to keep on going. Well, that's all right, but just you bring along one of your knothole bred ones that can down him and that has kept coming any faster than Magnolia has the past year and somebody will offer you more than \$100 for him right off the reel.

ST. CROIX.

SOCIETIES WITH SWORDS.

Vanity the Excuse for Imitating the Knights Templars.

So far as the Knights Templars are concerned, they come by the sword honestly, for it was the weapon with which old Hugh de Payens and his half dozen comrades slashed a path to fame through Saracen flesh and bone away back in the time when Freemasonry was operative instead of speculative, and was more devoted to church building than to the promotion of social intercourse by means of signs, passwords and lodges.

Knights Templar were not Freemasons in those days, however, nor for many a year afterward. Their sword was their staff, and an all sufficient one, whether tempests of Saracen fury or chillier blasts of western jealousy blew against their ranks, until a century after Hugh de Sayens and all his gallant gentlemen were dead and buried. Then Pope and King pulled the bell rope of fate and rang the knell of the valiant order, as a similar union often before and afterward destroyed any order that threatened the supremacy of the church and state over mind and progress. The few templars who escaped the stake or other violent death took their hidden swords into the shelter of freemasonry, and then was added to the trowel, theretofore the sole weapon of that order, the longer and keener blade of military life, and when in the last century the rites of Masonry were revived for speculative application, the sword of the Templar was taken up with the rest.

The Old Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and numerous other modern societies that include the sword in the regalia which their uniformed bodies wear have no such excuse for it as have the Templars, but this doesn't prevent their blades from flashing as freely and as numerously whenever any gathering gives them the chance. In fact, the first thing the mind of the deceiver of a secret society uniform seems to turn to is the sword, and the rest of the regalia centres more or less around this. Beneficial and fraternal societies of purely modern origin run to swords even more than the Templars and other Masonic orders in whose origin and antiquity there is more excuse.—N. Y. Sun.

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And the silence like a soft hat, was plainly felt.—Terre Haute Express.

Mr. Spurgeon's Gospel.

In the course of a recent sermon on the Compassion of Christ, Mr. Spurgeon said:—"I believe in preaching a gospel the people can understand. Christ said, 'Feed My sheep'; but when I see people putting the Gospel up so high on a long pole I think they have understood Christ to say, 'Feed My griffins.' . . . Christ has not made the Gospel for your sublime critics, for your men of culture, who are becoming almost as much a nuisance in the spiritual as mashes are in the social world. He has made the gospel for men and women, for the sinner, and for the people, the feeble folk, who would be unable to lay hold of it at all unless it were simple. 'Don't be too critical,' said Mr. Spurgeon in another part of his discourse, 'when a poor sick wretch begs a little assistance from you, to find out the exact particulars of his case before you relieve him. You may be taken in by a rogue sometimes; but, deserving or not, if the man is ill, you should not be too too critical about him. Sickness is a charity of itself.'—*Christian World*, London.

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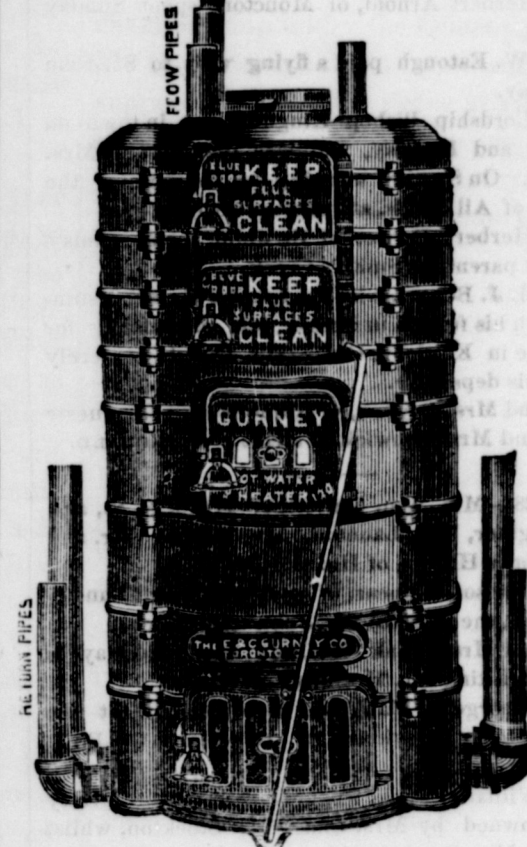
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