

kept fairly level while scoring. It was not long before they went away and when they did the pole horse set them a rattling pace leaving the field without apparent trouble. She went a fast eighth but did not keep a going at the clip, for when she reached the quarter pole the gallant Helena was coursing along side by side with her and swinging into the home stretch for the first time around led the party considerably. Arclight was acting very badly. He could not keep level, and when he trotted he seemed to lack his usual speed. Lycurgus was on Helena's wheel and Arclight was on the outside of him again so that he had a greater distance to trot than the others. The judges marked five breaks against him and set him back to fifth place for them though he finished third with Helena a winner by a length and Lycurgus second. Surprise upon surprise! Had the betting followers of the mare had confidence in her staying after the tremendous work of Saturday they might have placed all the money they could raise upon the result of the first heat, but they could not believe that her seventeen years would tell against her. The breeding of the mare showed how pure it was, and her reputation as the best bred mare in this section was never sustained so thoroughly. She and Speculation come from the same line and they both stand up to their work—all day it needs be.

There was lots of excitement before the horses got away in the second heat. Every one was eager for the best show and half a length of a start if possible. Again and again there were sent back, even lined at the distance stand, and finally the starter warned them that the next driver who scored ahead of the pole horse would pay a V for the privilege of doing so. In spite of this Arclight and Minnie Grey thundered down a length and half a length respectively in front of the mare. Very promptly the fine was imposed on Messrs Bell and Willis and then the fun began. Heading Arclight for the judges stand, Bell stormed at them and exclaimed that he was not ahead with much other nonsense he had better have left unsaid. Drivers are only human, however, and they lose their tempers sometimes though they should not allow their judgment to escape them at the same time. There was no doubt that Willis' laughing reply that he hadn't a fiver on him, took far better with the judges' stand and the crowd than Bell's protests. But both fines were paid and next time the horses went away in great shape. Helena lost by a dancing break on the first turn but squaring away she was soon on even terms with Arclight, and then showed her wonderful speed by drawing away from him and taking the pole. And she kept it, too. Passing the half she led by a length, pursued by Bell with the swift son of Rampart gaining inch by inch until the back stretch was reached. Then the mare took one of her bursts again and opened a short space, but Arclight gained on the turn and swung into the home stretch if anything a trifle in advance of Helena who went into the air for an instant. Short as it was when she caught again her nose was at Arclight's sulky wheel and then one of the strange incidents of the horse race occurred. Instead of keeping in a direct line for the wire Bell swerved his horse into Helena's place, the pole position, and forcing her to take the outside he finished about a length to the good. But he had broken one of the strict rules of the track and even before the horses had finished many old turf men made up their minds what the judges would do. Bowen slowed up and drove back to the judges' stand where he made his protest. Then Bell was heard and he denied fouling Helena. The best evidence was the judges' own eyes, and after mature consideration they decided to apply the rules and distanced Arclight for foul driving. It was in the option of the judges (see rule bearing on this point quoted at end of this article) to have put Arclight back to last position for the act of his driver and from what Progress could learn at the time and later, had Bell taken his fine quietly the judges might have imposed the most lenient penalty, but it was a mistake to argue the point on a \$5 fine and incline them to severity for the more serious offence.

Opinions differ as to what would have been the result of the heat had Bell kept his position, but, taking previous finish into consideration, Arclight's chances for winning the heat were exceptionally good. Much of the interest in the race for the crowd departed with the distancing of Arclight, but no one acquainted with the rule could question the decision and all acknowledged that every decision should be strictly in accordance with the rules. The third heat was a walk over for Helena, Harold M. second and Lycurgus third; Minnie Grey lost a boot in the second heat and failed to get within the distance flag. Puss kept her company.

Nelson's Fast Mile. After all the hot heats the one event which many of the people went solely to see was Nelson's trotting and certainly it was worth much more than it cost to see the noble horse course around the track. When he appeared with his fitter driving him at a jog about the track the crowd applauded him to the echo. The fleet stallion is so used to the thunder of larger audiences that he did not mind it a cents worth but went about his jogging in a business like fashion. After he had gone around the track four times his owner Mr. C. H. Nelson took him in hand, and told the judges that he would give him a warming up mile in about 2.25. A warming up mile on Moosepath in about 2.25! That made the judges and all about them smile, for the best work done on Moosepath and in fact the record there was

Edgardo's 2.27 1/2. But Nelson knew what he could do and he did it as easily as can be imagined. Holding the reins in one hand and his stop-watch in the other he started on the "warmer" at first not more than a '30 clip, then his speed increased until those who had timers on the stallion made up their minds that the time would be about 2.37; but Nelson was right, the pace on the home stretch was faster than elsewhere and his wonderful horse passed under the wire at a jog (for him) in 2.25 1/2.

An hour later he was brought out again and he seemed to know just as well as his owner what he had to do. Bets had been freely made that he would not trot as fast as 2.20 and after Monday's rain everyone thought that would be the limit. But the track improved though, of course, nothing could alter the sharp turns so hard on a speedy, open gaited horse as Nelson. But as his owner said "we'll go slow there and travel like a scared cat on the stretches." Once down to the wire and the bell tapped and sent him back again. Then the second time the word "go" sent him on the fastest mile Moosepath ever saw. A slight tap on his sulky wheel from one of the horses hools warned his driver to go slower on the turns and he took the hint. But in spite of that the half mile showed a 2.18 clip and the mile was finished in 2.17 3/5. It was a great surprise to those who said it could not be done, but Nelson said that had the turns allowed him to keep his clip, the mile would have been finished in 2.15. Nobody imagined for a moment that the clip was so fast, for the horse did not appear to be making any effort to speak of.

Chat About the Meeting. The two Nelsons, man and horse, have engagements from now until late in the fall and any track in the country is glad to be able to get such a very great attraction. It is needless to say, however, that Nelson is in the horse business for what there is in it, and every track that gets him and his famous stallion to appear, pays well for the privilege. Even the lion's share of the gross receipts of Tuesday at Moosepath would not have induced him to come to St. John had he not promised Mr. Johnson a year or two ago that he would come as an evidence of personal friendship. But with this assurance Mr. Johnson took a great deal of risk in fathering the expense of such a meeting. Only the most energetic and persistent work, liberal advertising, and well conducted excursions brought him out anywhere near even. The expenses of such a meeting as that are far beyond the ordinary. The success of it was extraordinary, and in the light of the facts too much praise cannot be given to the gentleman who secured such an attraction; who offered such liberal purses, and gave the people an afternoon of such genuine enjoyment. It there were a few more J. M. Johnson's in St. John, this city would have no difficulty in conducting as successful and well attended fall fairs and racing meetings as now make Bangor and Lewistown two of the best known cities in the New England States. It is rare thing to see such equitable decisions at Moosepath as those given by the judges on Tuesday. They knew their business. They were acquainted with the rules and applied them. Mr. Parker of Scotchman, one of the judges, was evidently no novice at the business. He did not have much to say to the drivers but what he did say was to the point. Mr. Osborne of St. Stephen, another judge, had the rules by heart and did not take long to decide whether a man was right or wrong.

Gordon Sim is a wonder. He is a bright bay owned by Mr. Frank Wilson of Yarmouth, and handled by Mr. Lydiard. This is his first year on the race track and there is not much doubt that under favorable circumstances he will easily enter the list. A year ago, Progress is told, he was sold for \$100; to-day Mr. Wilson values him at \$3,000. A good many people have thought his proper place in both meetings held here was in the '30 class, and that he could have won them quite handsly, and there was a well-defined rumor that he was trying to make a match for \$500 with any horse in New Brunswick, Speculation preferred. Gordon Sim trotted on Friday and Tuesday in this city winning his races in three straight heats both times, and Wednesday, after carrying all night from St. John to Amherst, he trotted in the '50 class, winning it in later time, but losing the first heat and taking the three next. Such work as this, however, is apt to tell on the best of horses.

Don Pullen, a handsome black stallion owned in Vanceboro and St. Stephen, and brought here by Sandy Stewart, was very lame when the '30 class was called Saturday and the judges consented to his withdrawal. A well-known lady wrote to the Toronto papers a short time ago stating that she had been cured of a womb disorder by means of Dodd's kidney pills. She did not think, until she was cured, that disordered kidneys were the seat of the trouble. Valentine Fisher, of Collingwood last year, was cured of sciatica of thirteen years' standing, by the same remedy. He too found out at a late day that his kidneys had all along been the cause of his sufferings. These are only some of the many like experiences that are daily met with.

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distance of the second heat, and the judges ruled her out. Among the St. John horses that will appear at the border meeting will be Helena, the four year old Wilkes pacer, owned by Mr. Driscoll, and the black mare Roline owned by Mr. Willis. Roline will trot in the three minute class. Mr. McLellan seemed to have sharpened up on his starting since Saturday and it is no discredit to say that his work was much more acceptable in consequence. Speculation trots in Bangor in the 2.25 and 2.27 classes. Mr. Carvill says his horse is too fleshy to do his best work, but two races in a week will do much to put him in condition. It is seldom that two horses so good as Harold M and Rattler get so small a part of two days racing. Jim Egan sat behind the iron grey stallion and after he had once got away kept Minnie Grey and Carroll with Harold M moving for all they were worth and once he beat them out and took the third place.

What the Rules Say. The following quotation from the rules of the National Trotting Association bear on the much disputed decision that sent Arclight out of the race: Sec. 8. In coming out on the home-stretch the foremost horse or horses shall keep the positions first selected, or be liable to be ruled out; and the hindmost horse or horses, when there is sufficient room to pass on the inside or anywhere on the homestretch, without interfering with others, shall be allowed to do so, and any party interfering to prevent him or them shall be ruled out. Sec. 9. If a horse, in attempting to pass another horse on the home-stretch, should at any time cross or swerve, so as to impede the progress of a horse behind him, he shall not be entitled to win that heat. Sec. 10. Although a leading horse is entitled to any part of the track, except after selecting his position on the home stretch, he shall not change either to the right or left during any part of the race, when his horse is so near him that in altering his position he compels the horse behind him to shorten his stride, or causes the rider or driver of such other horse to pull him out of his stride. Sec. 11. In any heat wherein there shall be a violation of any of these restrictions, the offending horse shall not be entitled to win the heat, and he shall be placed behind all the unoffending horses in that heat. And if the Judges believe the forbidden action was intentional on the part of the rider or driver, his horse may be ruled out, and such rider or driver may be fined not to exceed the amount of the purse or stake contended for, or he may be suspended or expelled.

A Railway Incident. One is constantly meeting with amusing incidents in travelling, but a story told by a well known I. C. R. conductor of the excuse offered by a man who could not pay his fare, is worth telling. At the usual query "tickets," the passenger in question took the conductor into his confidence and told him that being in poor health he had gone to St. John where he had been advised to try Hawker's Nerve and Stomach Tonic and Hawker's Liver Pills, and fearing he would not be able to obtain it at home, he had invested all his money in these remedies, and consequently was not able to pay the usual fare. He passed.

The Captain and the Sea Serpent. There was a captain of a Cunarder once who was called on to the bridge by his first officer to see a supposed sea-serpent. "Sir," said he, "I once knew a man who saw one, and put his name to a document to that effect. He was a captain, too, and when he came into harbor his employers dismissed him, because they said they couldn't have a skipper who got so drunk as that. He was the sport of the press for a month, and his friends all put him down for as big a liar as Ananias. I'm going below. I can't afford to lose sea-serpents."

They Don't Know What's Wrong. BRAMPTON, Aug. 21. A good many people in these days are evidently ignorant of what ails them. They use remedies for dropsy, rheumatism, sciatica or some such disease, and after a time find out that disordered kidneys caused all the trouble. Here are some instances. James Crisp, a telegraph operator of this place, suffered from dyspepsia for a long time and could not find a remedy that would relieve him until he found Dodd's kidney pills. They cured him, as the primary cause of his dyspepsia lay, undoubtedly, in his kidneys.

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