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THE WHEAT OF THE NORTH-WEST.

The North-West Miller, published in Minneapolis, says they have received a sample of wheat from the farm of James Harvey, of Indian Head, British North-West Territories, pure Scotch Fife, grown this year, "plump and clean," "one of the finest samples of wheat ever grown." Mr. Cook, the miller at Indian Head, happened to be in Minneapolis and they were showing samples of prize grain and some "prize" wheat was shown, and he said he thought the Canada North-West could show a sample which would beat that. The result was we had the sample sent which called forth the above eulogium.

PATRON WINS AGAIN.

Just now Canadian horsemen have the satisfaction of knowing that the fastest three-year-old trotting stallion that the world has ever seen is owned in Canada. Patron, though Kentucky bred, is owned by Messrs. Alvin D. Merrill and R. C. Scott, of Tilsonburg, Ont., and in view of his recent performances his owners have every reason to feel proud of him. In St. Louis he won what was unquestionably the best race ever won by a three-year-old trotter, but last Thursday (Oct. 19th) he succeeded in placing the stallion record on even terms with the great performance of the phenomenal California filly Hinda Rose. The New York

Herald gives the following brief account of Patron's latest achievement:—

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"Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19th, 1885.—Good sport was enjoyed to-day at the meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association. The three-year-old stallion record was lowered to 2:19½, equalling the time made by the famous Hinda Rose. In the race Patron, Granby, and Silverone met again, and after a fine contest Patron won. The third heat was trotted as follows.—The quarter in 36¾, the half in 1:10¼, the three-quarters in 1:47¼ and the mile in 2:19½, the last quarter being made in the almost incredible time of 32½ seconds—a 2:09 gait. Dozens of watches on the ground stand marked 2:19¼, but 2:19½ was hung out. Intense enthusiasm was manifested and Patron was heartily cheered. The winner is a handsome bay colt, sixteen hands high, by Pancoast, dam Beatrice, by Cuyler.

SUMMARY.

Time. -2:201/2; 2:25; 2:191/2."

The Turf, Field, and Farm in referring to the same race says:—

"The performance of the three-year-old stallion colt Patron, by Pancoast, dam Beatrice, by Cuyler, who obtained a record of 2:19½ at Lexington, Ky., list Tuesday, was the sensation of the current week. This equals the three-year-old record of Hinda Rose, and while I know no good reason why an entire colt of such tender years should be less likely to go this clip than a mare or gelding, it is certainly so considered. Patron has put the mark away down, and given his sire a lively boom. All the wise ones now say, "I always thought Pancoast would be a wonderful sire." The halcyon days for Glenview Farm have arrived, Almont, George Wilkes, Happy Medium, Volunteer, Dictator, all had their years, and it looks as if 1886 would be Pancoast's year."

COLD BLOOD IN THE TROTTER.

In these days every novice appears to think he is a philosopher on the subject of trotting-horse breeding. Men who cannot trace the best known horses on the turf to the second cross appear to think themselves fit to sit in judgment upon the views of men of intelligence who have made a life study of horse-breeding. Only a few weeks ago the cditor of the Chicago Breeders' Gazette took so good an authority as the Turf, Field and Farm to task for attributing the gameness and staying qualities of Fanny Witherspoon to the Wagner blood in her composition, but before he could bring the article to a close he had to startle his readers with the astounding assertion that Wagner sired Lexington. This was bad enough, of course, but in last week's issue of the Breeders' Gazette, "Columbus" airs his views in a manner calculated to convince the most sceptical that he must be as ignorant of trotting-horse pedigrees, as the editor in question is of those of thoroughbreds. Throughout his letter "Columbus" uses every means to discredit the value of race-horse blood in the trotter, but the last two paragraphs are worth reproducing. They are as follows:-

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"The pacing crank, the Morgan crank, the Clay crank, the Hambletonian crank, the Blue Bull crank, succeeded in placing the stallion record on even the phenomenal bred crank! What are we to do with him? Like California filly Hinda Rose. The New York

will surely come home without even a bangtail behind them.

"Since Phallas defeated Maxey Cobb and Majolica, and Harry Wilkes knocked the conceit all out of Phallas, why, it must be that Clingstone is the best horse of the year! Phallas was surely a better horse than Majolica, and it was no trick for the latter to out-trot Maxey Cobb; so then, if Harry Wilkes could defeat the king of stallions twice in succession, it must stand to reason that the animal who could show his heels to Harry Wilkes is the best horse of the season. Such, then, is Clingstone."

Here is a writer praising Clingstone, who objects to thoroughbred blood in the trotter and who says in another part of his letter: "The probability is that had Fanny Witherspoon's dam been a daughter of Pilot, Jr, or Mambrino Chief, or Andrew Jackson, or any of a hundred other sires that might be named, and which belong to the list of trotting progenitors, this self-same Fanny would now be trotting mile heats in 2:10 or better, or two mile heats in 4:35 or better." Does "Columbus" know anything about the pedigree of the horse he is praising so highly? Of course not, for the tone of his letter indicates that he thinks him "strictly trotting-bred." As a matter of fact, there are few trotters that can boast more race-horse blood than Clingstone, for his sire, Rysdyk, is a half-bred horse by Rysdyk's Hambletonian out of the thoroughbred mare Lady Duke by Lexington. Among the colts dropped by Clingstone's thoroughbred granddam may be mentioned Gen. Rowett's famous thoroughbred stallion, Hyder Ali (by imp. Leamington), sire of Conkling, Lady of the Lake and other good ones. It is no wonder that Clingstone is a good horse. His sire was half-bred and his grand-dam thoroughbred.

WHEAT-GROWING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Rufus Hatch has written Mr. G. F. Bowden of Somersal, Derby, a rather interesting letter on the subject of wheat-growing in the United States and England, which contains such a very comprehensive view of the wheat growing question that it can hardly fail to be of interest to every intelligent farmer in the country. The idea of "paying a premium on wheat acreage" as a means for the "revival of British industries," will strike the hard, practical common-sense of the average Canadian farmer as something more than a "novel" one. How a legitimate industry like wheat-raising can be permanently benefited by any such "coddling" on the part of the Government, is hard to understand. If the British farmer cannot profitably raise wheat, he had better raise something else. The moment he is "bonused" for working his farm he becomes a pauper to the amount of that bonus.

Mr. Hatch writes: "Your letters and pamphlets are at hand, I read them both with great interest. The idea advanced in 'The Revival of British Industries' concerning the paying of a premium on wheat acreage, instead of placing a duty on imported wheat, is certainly both original and novel to my mind. You will remember that I said Eng-