

WHY SUCH SPEED?

Runner in front and Shields

Tell Only Half the Story.

Improved Methods of Training and Better Tracks Have Had Much to Do With Horses' Successes—Faster Time Predicted.

Quarts of ink, much time, some thought and hundreds of columns of valuable space have been expended during the past few winters in discussing professional judges, shortening the races, and the like.

This winter the subject which will be discussed is a new one. It is the different views on pace following that will keep the turf press from being dull during the cold weather.

The wholesale slaughter of trotting and pacing records during the past season has caused no end of wonderment. The way the championship marks have been changed since last spring is remarkable.

Such talk is absurd. There never lived another trotter or pacer like the speed Lou Dillon has, and Dan Patch looks as though he had something on every other horse who ever won a harness race.

Talk of having the champion records made this year designated in the next Year Book is made behind pace makers. To say the consistent most of the horses Ed Goers has marked would have to be started as "record made by trailing some horse almost to the finish."

Having the pace-maker in front is unquestionably a great help, and the wonder is that it has never been used before this year. Just how it helps a horse there is no way of knowing at present.

THE GREATEST BENEFIT of the pace-maker in the front comes from the evenly rated miles a horse can be driven. Dan Patch and Major Delmar both went perfectly rated miles at Memphis.

Creosote trotted his 1:59.4 mile at Wichita with the pace-maker behind him. It is almost a sure thing that no horseman believes he could have trotted three seconds faster if Mike the "Tramp" had been in front of him from wire to wire.

Dan Patch is cited as the "horrible example" of following pace. The claim is made that he made many unsuccessful attempts to beat 1:59.4, and that he could not do it until he had a runner in front, with a canvas dirt guard attached to the cart.

The year 1903 has been one of speed, in the last year of the season, and without pace, and that she has not trotted a mile in two minutes without encouragement or help of any sort is because she has not had the opportunity. The mile she trotted was by her owner at Memphis, should have exploded the "second help" theory of the pace-maker in front.

HAMPSTEAD S. S. CO. LIMITED

First Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company Held Yesterday.

The first meeting of the shareholders of the Hampstead Steamship Company, Limited, was held at the head office of the company at Oak Point, in the county of Kings, on the 15th day of November instant, and was attended by all the shareholders of the company.

More records could have been lowered this year had there been any attempt made at them. Sadie Mc could have put the three-year-old record at 2:01.4, and Grace Bond could have lowered the two-year-old record.

DEATH OF ORRIN HICKOK. Death claimed another noted trotter last week, and the name of Orrin Hickok is now but a memory. Tallyrand of the turf had been in feeble health for some years, so that the younger generation of race followers knew little of Hickok or his work except by reputation.

He was a trainer and driver of great ability, and with Dobie, Turner and Spian made up the big four a quarter of a century ago. Of the many horses he campaigned, the best known are St. Julien, Arab, Santa Claus, Gold-rectum and Lucy. The latter was bred from coast to coast with Goldsmith Maid, and the campaign made for both Hickok and Dobie.

N. Y. HORSE SHOW. It Takes More Than Rins to Dampen Popular Ardor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—It takes more than rain to dampen the ardor of horse show enthusiasts, as was apparent from the large attendance in Madison Square Garden this afternoon and tonight.

THE UGLY WHITE MAN. A traveller in the interior of Africa describes the effect which his presence had upon the natives.

GREAT IMMIGRATION PROSPECTS. The immigration officials who are already in the city, are wearing worried looks over the prospects for the coming season.

ITALY'S KING AND QUEEN Received Enthusiastic Welcome on Their Arrival at Windsor.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Their Majesties received an enthusiastic welcome at Windsor. The streets were gaily decorated and enormous crowds from the surrounding country lined the approaches to the castle.

CAPE BRETON SUIT. HALIFAX, Nov. 17.—Three witnesses were examined today in the suit brought by J. H. Means against H. M. Whitney, who claims \$48,450 damages for breach of contract.

READY FOR WAR IN COLOMBIA. \$500,000 Subscribed for National Patriotic Fund—New President Designated.

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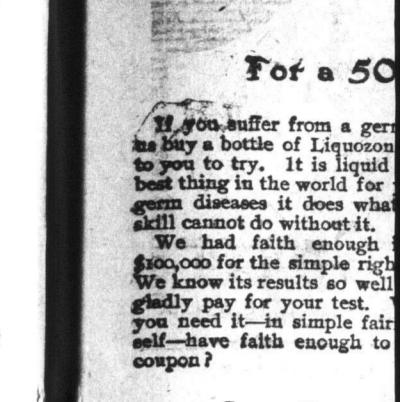
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THE SUN'S PUZZLE

A correct solution of the Sun's "Age puzzle" has been received from Miss Aggie Melanson of Bathurst Village.

Piles

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for Piles, and every form of itching, burning, and soreness of the rectum, we will send you a box of our Ointment free of charge.

WILL IT COME TO ST. JOHN?

WINNIPEG, Nov. 18.—Eight million bushels of wheat have been shipped so far from the C. P. R. and C. N. terminals by the lines of the west.

CASTORIA

THE CASTORIA ILL. DARMSTADT, Grand Duchy of Hesse, Nov. 18.—The castoria is entering from the north.