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HOW TO BREED, REAR, AND  
TRAIN THEM.**

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

**CHAPTER XXVI.**

*A Retrospect—More Recollections of Distinguished Turfmen.—Features of the Past Racing Season.*

[From the Spirit of the Times].

In resuming the publication of the series of articles on the "Breeding, Rearing, and Training" of the racehorse, in the columns of the Spirit of the Times, and thereby renewing that former pleasant intercourse with its readers which has been temporarily interrupted by my professional avocations during the summer, it may not be out of place to take a retrospective review of the important topics I have already discussed in connection with the subject of these articles, since their commencement, twelve months ago. The selection of the broodmare was made the subject of the first article, in which her most essential and important qualifications were pointed out as comprising purity of blood, roomy conformation of frame, good temper, and a sound, healthy constitution, entirely free from hereditary predisposition to disease. Her treatment after having been bred to the stallion was then discussed; the selection of the stallion and his judicious management at the stud; the rearing and raising of the foal previous to and after weaning; his handling as a colt; and training preparation for his two and three-year-old engagements. Progressing with our subject, the relation of speed to form; the comparative merits of stallions, and reminiscences of distinguished turfmen of the olden time, were successively discussed. In subsequent articles I shall again take up the latter subject, at the earnest solicitation of numerous correspondents, some expressing their pleasure in thus having brought up before their "mind's eye" the names and doings of men under the turf, whose sports, when living, they loved so well, and with whom they were acquainted in days past; while others write me acknowledging the enjoyment they have received in being thus made acquainted with men whose names at this distant date, are yet by tradition "familiar as household words" to the turfmen of the present time. In thus obliging both classes of my correspondents, I am conscious of gratifying a personal feeling, for as all will acknowledge, there is a peculiar pleasure in thus reviving those recollections of the past, associated as they are with the exciting sports of the turf, and the companionship of gentlemen of education and culture.

In renewing my connections with the readers of the Spirit at the close of the season's turf campaign, I trust I may be pardoned if I make a few comments on the most prominent features of the year's racing. We

to 5-26½, was another wonderful performance, and shows that Mr. Harper's magnificent colt is justly entitled to rank among the greatest horses that ever America produced. Aristides, the renowned "red horse" of Mr. H. P. McGrath, the great rival and conqueror of Ten Broeck during the past season, reduced the time record at two miles and an eighth from 3:46½ (Mate's time), to 3:45½, and at two miles and a half from 4:28½ (Katie Pease's record), to 4:27½. Other reductions of time record have been made the past season which, from these achievements, will long remain a memorable year in turf history.

The year now just drawing to a close has witnessed the death of many distinguished racehorses and broodmares, whose names have become famous on the American turf. Daniel Boone, a racer of great merit and a successful sire, died at the commencement of the year in Kentucky, where he had been standing at the stud for some time previous. He was a horse of remarkably fine symmetry of form, and his action was beautiful. He beat some of the very best horses of his day, and the best of his produce were Coltrill, Sally Watson, and Billy Williamson the first named, a horse of extraordinary racing powers, which never had a fair chance of development and exhibition. The famous broodmare, Kitty Clark, by imported Glencoe, dam Miss Obstinate, by Sampter, died in June last, at Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., at the age of twenty-three years. She was placed at the stud when three years old, and with the exception of 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1871, was bred regularly, having altogether produced sixteen foals, most of which are now living; she was the dam of Maiden, a wonderfully good racing nag, and the dam of James H. and Parole, both by imported Leamington. The fine race mare Nettie Norton, by Leamington, dam Long Nine, by Lightning, died in May last, very suddenly. She had greatly distinguished herself by winning the four-mile heats Bowie Stake, at Baltimore, the previous fall; a race in which she distanced both her opponents, Shylock and Aaron Pennington, in the first heat in 7:37½. She was owned by Mr. John Coffey, of Suffolk, N. J., and in her unexpected death he sustained a severe loss, as her racing abilities were just beginning to be fully and fairly developed. In the death of Volga, one of the last of Glencoe's daughters, Mr. A. J. Alexander, of Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., was deprived of one of his choicest bred broodmares. She was an own sister to that great racehorse and sire, Vandal, and was only twenty years old at the time of her death, which was the result of an accident in her pasture, by which her back was fatally injured. She was the dam of Barny Williams, Eminence, Evadne, Invoice and Tecaleo. Another of the great Glencoe's get, and nearly the last of his sons, Wild Irishman, died about the same time as Volga, at Waldberg Stud, Rockland County, N. Y., aged twenty-six years. His death was the result of general debility, induced by old age. He was by Glencoe, out of Mary Morris, by Medoc, and was own brother to Franfort. He first distinguished himself as a racehorse by run-

names of Vandal, Star Davis, Frankfort, Governor Wickliffe, Capt. Bulford, Nicholas L., Pryor, Thornhill, Rigadoon, Little Arthur, Congaree, and others, all distinguished performers on the turf.

My readers must pardon this digression from the legitimate subject of these articles, and as I have already exceeded the regular space allowed me in The Spirit, I shall postpone until next week the continuation of my original topic, the "errors in training of the three-year-old racehorse."

TO BE CONTINUED.

**ENGLISH TURF NEWS.**

Recently an application was made to the Wolverhampton magistrates by Mr. Poland, of London, on behalf of the Jockey Club, for warrants against well-known racing men for conspiracy to defraud, by running a horse at the last Wolverhampton Meeting in an assumed name, and thereby obtaining a large sum of money. The warrants were granted, and a detective has been appointed to apprehend the parties concerned. The professional book-makers in London refuse to do any business on the coming Derby, as they have such an unpleasant remembrance of the investments of backers last year at this time, when nothing else but Kisher, Petrarch, and Skylark were backed. Such a state of the betting market is entirely unprecedented. Mr. James Smith has sold Kosebery, the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire winner, to Mr. Masque, for a large sum. The son of Speculum and Ladylike will continue to be trained by George Clement, at Labourne. Lord Falmouth has presented Col. Forester with the Repentance colt, who was third for Galopin's Derby. Several English jockeys, among them Challoner, Shepherd, Mills, and Carver, were recently tried before the Paris Tribunal of Correctional Police, for wounding by negligence in the accident which occurred during the race for the Prix de la Ville de Paris at the Paris races on the last Grand Prix day. M. Delamarre, Baron Schickler, Count de Lagrange, and M. Moreau-Chaslon, proprietors of the horses ridden by the defendants, were also comprised in the prosecution, as being civilly responsible. It may be remembered that in the running for the handicap a number of persons were knocked down and trampled on, three of them having limbs broken. According to the statement of the police, who appeared as the public prosecutors, some of the jockeys took the wrong road, and, on discovering their error, rode through the spectators who crowded the intervening space, to reach the right track. This the defendants all denied, declaring that the accident was due to the crowd, which was very great on the spot, breaking through the cords and invading the course, which was never properly cleared by the police. A number of witnesses confirmed that account including the stewards of the meeting, and the tribunal, in consequence, dismissed the charge without costs. The steeplechase season has now fairly commenced. At Croydon the Grand National Handicap Race was won by Lord

**American Turf.**

**RACING AT CAMDEN, S. C.**

CAMDEN, S. C., Dec. 15.—Last Day.—Jockey Club Purse \$100, mile heats, 3 in 5.  
W Wyche's b c Hattrass, by Red Dick, dam by Planet..... 1 1 1  
C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L. by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner..... 2 2 2  
Time—1:52½, 1:52½, 1:54½.  
Same Day—Hurdle race, purse \$100; mile and a half, over six hurdles.  
Lewis Jones' b g Jim Hinton..... 1  
J F Wilson's b g Jack Trigg..... 2  
Time—2:59½.  
Same Day—Consolation Purse \$75; mile dash.  
Lewis Jones' br m Maria Barnes, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose..... 1  
W P Burch's ch c Mainbrace, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball..... 2  
Time—1:50½.

**Athletic.**

**GREAT WRESTLING MATCH FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.**

Notwithstanding the supposed invincibility of Col. McLaughlin, of Detroit, it appears that he has recently suffered defeat at the hands of Joseph Owens, of Vermont. The match (which was in the collar-and-elbow style) came off at Boston, in the Music Hall of that city, on the 27th December, and was witnessed by over 4,000 people. The prize was a \$1,000 purse and the championship of the world. Strange to say, Owens threw McLaughlin twice, and was declared the winner. The match lasted five and a half hours. It needs scarcely be added that the result has astonished everyone, as Owens is comparatively an unknown and untrained man, and was regarded in the athletic world as an undisciplined, raw Vermont boy and strong, but no match for such a superbly built, well-trained and immensely strong man as McLaughlin. Owens is five feet nine inches in height, and weighs 155 lbs. McLaughlin is 50 lbs heavier, and is deemed as the best ideal of manly strength and comeliness. In his career as a wrestler he has met all the best men from New York to San Francisco, and he accepted this challenge with a record of thirty-four matches having only one against him. He is a person of exemplary habits, never using stimulants and always enjoying robust health. He claimed to be champion of the world. His contests with the best American wrestlers in Detroit in the spring of 1870, in which he was successful against all players, won for him the American belt and the American championship, and a short time after he claimed the championship of England, having placed a deposit with Bell's Life which, he avers, has never been covered. We might add, as a solution to this acknowledged cartel on the part of McLaughlin, that the wrestling there—at least among the Devon and Cornwall men—is entirely different from McLaughlin's style, and, furthermore, is not practiced by men of McLaughlin's build.

**Pedestrianism.**

**TALL WALKING.**

O'Leary has proved himself a good man in his two walking exhibitions since he has been in England. At Liverpool he beat Weston's record by several miles in his 500-mile spin, and at Manchester, against Crossland, he managed to do a very good performance; in fact, according to the reports, he walked Crossland off his legs. The match was a 500-mile affair, and the times were, for 100 miles, O'Leary, 20:02:20; Crossland, 21:19:22. Up to this point O'Leary seemed in good fettle, and being a wiry little man he stood the best chance of staying. Two hundred miles were walked by O'Leary in 53:49:34, and by Crossland in 64:16:48. The latter complained of leg weariness, and after toiling on to 240 miles, he gave up, when some hours behind. O'Leary went on to 250 miles, and was then told he need not finish. O'Leary's next walk venture is against Howes, of the city, on Dec. 26, for 500 miles, but there seems to be very little doubt about the affair. Among the general public, in fact, they scarcely realize where at Cambridge Heath the performance can be held. From Weston some comical letters, in the true vituperative style of the quogue correspondence have appeared about walking O'Leary, fabulous sums of money have been suggested, but nothing as yet has been settled. O'Leary's last letter offers to walk Weston for £500 a side, a fair and square race at Lilloe Bridge, at Easter, when University men will have an opportunity of gauging the rival merits of the Americans on a well-known ground and recognized path.

**MICHIGAN TROTTERS.**

George Voorhes, proprietor of the Ham track Driving Park, Detroit, handles the following horses for the winter: Cozette, Voorhes, Harry Mitch, N. J. Allen, Belle Fleet, Gray Billy, Sam, Brown Tommy, Mary H., and Babaw, Jr. T. H. Hendricks, the pacer, is also in the care of Voorhes, and one of his colts, that is thought well of, and Mambrino Kate, at Flint. Jim Fisk is at Pontiac, Miss Morris is stopping at Romeo; Fred Hooper is cared for at Almont; Lady Torp is at Grand Rapids; Lady Vest stays at Kalamazoo; and Jazzo Davis at Jackson. The wicket is cared for by his owner, W. E. Starns, of Detroit, and Butcher Boy is at the track in Windsor.

**Horse Notes.**

**DEATH OF AN OLD BROODMARE.** Mr. Chas. L. Owen, of Bronson, Mich., lost by death, recently a valuable brood mare 24 years old. She produced her last foal at 24 years.

**SALE OF MADGE AND VIRGINIA.** Mr. H. C. Bernard, of New York, has purchased from Col. McLaughlin's interest in the two