

AN EQUINE MONSTER.

A FREAK of nature and world wonder in the shape of a horse drew many of the curious to the livery stable on South Third street yesterday. This specimen of the equine kind is unquestionably the tallest in the world. It is, in fact, a colt, not yet three years old, measuring the enormous height of 22 hands—seven feet and four inches. In weight this horse wondrous tips the scales at 1,700 pounds.

Peter (that is his name) is a gelding, and was foaled in Minnesota on a June, 1891. He is of Norman stock and a beautiful dapple gray in color. What is almost as remarkable as his huge proportion is the fact that his dam and sire were not above the average size of that breed of horses. Another colt from the same dam and sire, a year younger than Peter, but proportionally as large, if not larger, died some months ago.

Peter, as evinced by his weight, is a well-proportioned animal. His limbs are clean cut, and the head, body and neck of good form. He is, as is the case with many colts, a little bit sway-backed, but this imperfection, however slight, will disappear with age. He carries a little more than the highest point of the shoulders, from which the height and measurement is usually taken.

Should the horse grow to maturity, it is not unreasonable to expect that he will attain fully six inches more in height and develop proportionately otherwise, carrying a weight, possibly, of 3,000 pounds. A gelding seldom attains its full weight until seven years old, while mares generally mature two years younger.

There is nothing of record, several horsemen said yesterday, which equals the height of the colt in question. Several years ago, however, there was a horse on exhibition in Toronto, Canada, which weighed 2,800 pounds.

Peter is physically sound and healthy. At such an age, growing with the rapidity that he is, he could not retain much flesh, though he might be said to be in a good way for work. His carriage is good and movement far less clumsy and awkward than might be expected of an animal of such proportions. —*Scottie Telegraph.*

A TWO-MILE MATCH.

Something Will Go When This Comes Off.

A MATCH has been made for a race at two miles, best two in three, between J. H. Odell's brown stallion Greendlander and C. J. Hamlin's chestnut mare Nightingale. It will take place at the next meeting. Old Buffalo is jumping in this year with both feet. The race will be for \$5,000. The turf career of Nightingale is well known. She is nine years old, by Manbrino King, out of Manxman Maid, by Wood's Hambletonian. She first appeared on the turf as a three-year-old, when she won two races and earned a record of 2.32 $\frac{1}{2}$. At four she earned a record of 2.29 $\frac{1}{2}$, and at five she trotted in 2.25 $\frac{1}{2}$. She won many races in 1891, among them the Charta Oak purse, and besides proving herself to be one of the greatest mares in training, winning the \$10,000 event after nine heats had been fought out, she earned the honor of being the first mare to win the stakes. She retired that year with a record of 2.18 $\frac{1}{2}$. In 1892 Nightingale made her greatest campaign. She went through the Grand and Western-Southern Circuits, and was worse than second. She earned her record of 2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Nashville, made in a fourth heat, and forcing Greendleaf out in the others in 2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.12 and 2.11 $\frac{1}{2}$. While at Nashville, Nightingale was sent to beat the two-mile record of 4.43, which Ferguson Witherspoon made in 1888. She trotted the heat in 4.33 $\frac{1}{2}$. Last year she won a good race at Detroit, and was third

in the great Columbian free-for-all at Chicago, which lasted three days. When she reached her favorite track as Nashville she was started to beat the three-mile record. The record was 7.21 $\frac{1}{2}$, made by Handress, in 1872, and Nightingale lowered it to 6.55 $\frac{1}{2}$. Her opponent next August will be the horse who wrested the two-mile championship from her—Greendlander. Greendlander is a dark brown stallion, twelve years old, son of Princess, son of Woodford Manbrino, 2.21 $\frac{1}{2}$; dam Juno, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian; 2d dam Lady Morrison, 2.35. He is almost a perfect horse in conformation, standing 16 hands and weighing 1,500 pounds. Greendlander made his debut as a two-year-old, when he made a record of 2.31 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In 1885 he entered the list with a record of 2.30, made on a half mile track, and beating Baron Will. In 1886 he lowered his record to 2.24 $\frac{1}{2}$, and in 1889 entered the 2.20 list by earning a record of 2.19 $\frac{1}{2}$. This he cut to 2.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1890. In 1891 he started in two races. At Evansville he defeated Nelly W., 1.14 $\frac{1}{2}$, in 2.24 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 2.22, and again at New Albany where he trotted the third heat in 2.16. Greendlander was not campaigned in 1892, but last year his record was most brilliant. At Bedford, Ind., he started the half mile track record for stallions by going a mile in 2.13 $\frac{1}{2}$, and on the good track at Terre Haute took a harness record of 2.12. He was always considered a horse of stamina and on Nov. 2, he lowered the two-mile record for stallions from 4.46 to 4.34, and two days later he took the world's two-mile record from Nightingale, trotting the distance in 4.32. His last performance was a mile to beat the wagon record of 2.15, made by Alorton. He trotted in 2.14 $\frac{1}{2}$. Greendlander is owned by I. H. Odell, of Evansville, Ind., and will be driven by Roly Patterson. In the correspondence which passed between Mr. Odell and Secretary Hamlin of the defeated Nelly W., Mr. Geers will have to chew the stump of his cigar unusually hard or he won't be in it. I am most anxious to have Greendlander meet Nightingale. "He will know he has been to a horse race before this over, said Mr. Geers, "and will have to go some to beat her." Nightingale is acting better this spring than ever before. Usually at this time of year she is nervous and erratic, but so far she has taken her work most kindly and has made but three breaks. Previous to this year she would make as many jumps in a day. She is being trained carefully, and her fastest trial so far has been a quarter at over a 2.18 gat.

A STORY OF THE EARL OF DEVON.

Wrecked with the Marquis of Hastings by Hermit—A Great Plunger.

The Earl of Devon was a very different man from his brother peers, upon whose death his so quickly succeeded. He at least, was not conspicuous. Scarcely, indeed, if he had not been heir apparent to an earldom, would he have been regarded as respectable. His late father, eleventh earl, was worthy of the best traditions of a line that goes straight back to the Crusades. He came into the peerage, he found it grievously impoverished, and with the instincts of an honest man, set himself to put matters straight and to leave an unencumbered heritage to his son. But for the son he would have succeeded.

But Lord Courtenay arranged things otherwise. As is usual with the heir apparent of the Devon peerage, as soon as he left the university a seat was found for him in the House of Commons. In his twenty-first year he had before him as far a prospect of a career as falls to the lot of the best endowed. He had, in

IN A DAY.

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George Patterson fell from a second-story window, striking a fence. I found him using

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fact, all the world before him where to choose, and he chose the path of the prodigite, with a special call as a plunger on the turf. He was to the fore some twenty two or three years ago, when the Marquis of Hastings was a peerage at Newmarket and Epsom. Lord Courtenay for a brief space out Herold Lord Hastings. While his father remained at home struggling to remove the incubus of debt from the heavy turrets of Powderham Castle, his son and heir gaily incurred turf debts exceeding £100,000. On the morning of the Derby Day, 1809, Lord Courtenay stood to win a sum that would clear off all his debts and set him up for at least another year's dissipation. When the darkness of evening stole over Epsom Downs he was a ruined man. The next day he fled the country and was absent many years, while his affairs made disastrous progress through the bankruptcy court. This was a knockout blow for the Earl, his father, who, aged before his time, broken hearted and hopeless, withdrew as far as possible from the ken of man; still, though with increased feelings, peering away at his sacred task of lightening the waterlogged ship that had fallen to his care. A little more than two years ago he died, and Lord Courtenay sinking home, became Earl of Devon and one of England's hereditary legislators. But, like his fortunes, he was himself a wreck and died at the age of 55.

HOW THE WAR BEGAN.

Eastern Times—"Hear those men whooping and yelling, and cursing the War! In the world is all that frightful row about."

Broncho Bill—"Oh, some of the boys would start discuss 'religion.'"

CLOSE.

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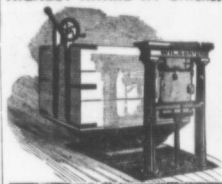
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