# NEWS OF THE HORSES IN GENERAL AND TURF TOPICS

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## H. J. C. MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

### High-Class Horses in Evidence and Good Racing Thruout—Few Capable Riders at the Meeting.

Nothing better in the racing line has ever been seen in this country, is the general opinion expressed of the Hamilton Jockey Club's meeting, which closed Wednesday after a most successful seven days' existence.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed thruout the entire meeting, and the track was kept in perfect shape.

The average attendance was the largest in the history of racing in Hamilton, and the patrons of the meeting were all highly pleased with the sport provided.

The racing was of the keenest character, and while there may have been one or two reversals of form, little suspicion was attached to any of the races.

The easy victory of the crack Kentucky colt, Hawthorn, on the opening day, when he ran six furlongs in 1.12 2-5, winning by three lengths in the easiest possible manner, and his defeat two days' latter by Horron at the same distance, caused considerable talk, and in consequence, the stewards gave the second race a thoro investigation, and, undoubtedly, they were quite right in concluding that Hawthorn was really not himself, or, at least, not in as good form as on the opening day.

The horse had been afflicted with influenza early in the season, and was 150 lbs. short of his proper weight, even when he ran his first race at Hamilton, and it is more than probable that this race gave him a set-back. In any event, there are many expert horsemen who entertain the opinion that Horron is the better colt of the two at any distance. Of course this is but a matter of opinion, and the issue will not be finally decided until the two horses meet again, and when both are in their proper form.

The best lot of two-year-olds ever seen in this country were in evidence during the meeting. Little Nephew, Vandergrift, Southern Maid, The Usher, Silent Pilot and Privet Petal, form a half-dozen of foreign-bred youngsters that possess superior class, and a better collection is seldom seem on any track.

The Canadian-bred two-year-olds were short on both quantity and quality. Bee Hive, the Bassetlaw-My Honey, colt from the stable of Harry Giddings, and Slipper Day, Hon. John S. Hendrie's filly by Martimas-Blue Grouse, were the only ones to attract attention. The former has won all his races with comparative ease, and has repeatedly beaten the filly, but Slipper Day showed such wonderful improvement in her last race when she won at five furlongs pulled up in 1.01 1-5, that some experts think she will beat the colt the next time they meet.

In connection with this pair of two-year-olds the race between their dams, My Honey and Blue Grouse at the Woodbine a number of years ago is recalled. Blue Grouse was owned by the late William Hendrie, and My Honey ran in the name of Mike Daly, altho she was owned at the time by John F. Hynes of this city. The Hendrie filly was highly regarded, and was the favorite for the race, but My Honey beat her, and it is said that the backers of the latter, cleaned up a small fortune on the result of the race.

The three-year-olds, Horron, Lochaves, Hawthorn, Barnegat, First Sight, Buskin, Calgary, Kleburne and Kingly, the best of those that performed during the meeting, are also of superior class, and it is seldom that such a good lot has been seen in Canada.

Hearts of Oak, of course, stands out as the best of the Canadian-bred horses. The good-looking son of Bassetlaw-Lady Lightfoot II., however, made but one start during the meeting, and he won with ridiculous ease.

The absence of Hearts of Oak in the Canadian-bred races, however, was not felt by Mr. Giddings, as that owner's Sarolta, the Bassetlaw-Jai Alai, three-year-old filly that won the Maple Leaf Stakes, was able to beat the home-bred horses, but not in the same easy manner that the big colt would have done.

The steeplechase horses were not plentiful by any means, and nothing of a sensational character thru the field was seen during the meeting. The mare Lizzie Flat, admirably ridden by Kermath, won two of the five races over the jumps, and the other winners, Enniskillen, Morpeth and King Cash, jumped and ran cleverly. Kermath was considerably the best of the steeplechase jockeys, as he won on King Cash as well as winning twice on Lizzie Flat.

The quality of the flat-riders was below the average, in fact very few good jockeys were in evidence. Buxton, who is the premier jockey of the Schorr stable was the best of the lot with eight winning mounts to his credit. Turner, the Turney stable's chief jockey, was a good second with seven wins. Montour, and Gross had five wins each. The latter, unquestionable a fairly good jockey at times, rode some bad races, however, especially on Birka, the third day of the meeting, and his handling of Hawthorn when that horse was beaten by both Horron and Calgary, the same day, was anything but clever.

From a financial standpoint also, the meeting could hardly have been more successful for the Hamilton Jockey Club as the attendance was always at high water mark.

Everything in connection with the Hamilton plant is first-class. The grand stand which is new and strictly up-to-date, affords the patrons ample and comfortable accommodation as the chair-seats are arranged so that there can be no crowding. Nothing sensational in the way of fast time was made, and former track records remained safe, altho Little Nephew equalled the track record of five furlongs when he ran the distance in 59 4-5, on the opening day.

In the matter of speculation, the books probably had a shade the better of the argument, altho several of them were hard hit when they took liberties with Kingly, Mrs. Livingston's good colt that won the National Handicap, and Miccoesukee, both of which won at long odds.

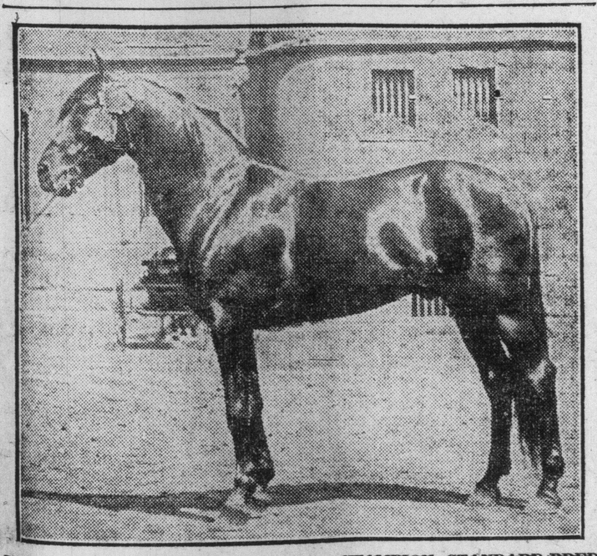
The class of the pencillers was much superior to that seen in former years when there are so many objections to them. In fact, if the same good class of bookmakers had always been on the job in the old days, there never would have been a clamor for parmutuel machines. Few speculators there are, who do not prefer the books to the machines, especially when the bookmaking is properly conducted.

**The Debtor's Notion.**

First—There is one sign that should be placed over every letter box in the city.

Second—What is that?

First—"Post No Bills."—Yale Record.



JACK McKERRON, 2.07¾, CANADIAN CHAMPION STANDARD-BRED STALLION, THAT HAS BEEN MATED WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF GOOD MARES THIS SEASON. THE HORSE IS OWNED BY CROW AND MURRAY OF THIS CITY.

## JACK M'KERRON AND NASBADEN

### Standard-Bred and Thorobred Champions, Have Had Big Seasons in the Stud—Colts Promising.

It is always interesting to know that the owners of good mares appreciate a high-class stallion, and favor such a horse with their patronage. Thayer Brothers, of Aylmer, owners of Nasbaden, winner of the thorobred stallion class at the last local horse show, and Crow and Murray, the local horsemen, who own Jack McKerron, 2.07¾, champion standard-bred stallion at the same show, report that their horses have been largely patronized by breeders this season.

The Thayers write that there are a number of real classy-looking two and three-year-olds up in their section of country, that are out of standard-bred mares, and by Nasbaden. These half-breds will be ready for the market very shortly, when good prices are expected to be realized for them.

Jack McKerron's first crop of colts are only weanlings, but a better-looking lot would be hard to find, even on the big stock farms, and the popularity of this champion stallion is attested by the fact that every mare that had a foal by him this spring was returned to his court.

The difficulty is that we have not enough stallions of the class of Nasbaden and Jack McKerron in this country.

HORRON, B. C. (3), BY McGEE-JOSIE L., CONQUEROR OF THE CRACK KENTUCKY SPEED MARVEL HAWTHORN AT HAMILTON. AMOS TURNEY, OWNER; W. MARTIN, TRAINER.

## WORLD'S RECORD BY WHISKBROOM DISPUTED BY SOME HORSEMEN

### Few Outside Watches Agreed With the Official Timer—Story of the Suburban in Detail.

If the official timekeeper, W. H. Barretto, is correct, Harry Payne Whitney's wonderful racehorse, Whisk Broom II., broke the world's record for a mile and a quarter, when he won the classic Suburban Handicap, at Belmont Park, in an even 2 minutes. The son of Broomstick—Audience carried 139 pounds—an unheard of burden in such a race in America—and was hard ridden at the end to beat John O. Talbot's Lahore, a son of Delhi, by about half a length. Lahore was in receipt of 24 pounds by the scale from Mr. Whitney's horse, which received a wild ovation from more than 10,000 persons, who saw the race. R. F. Carman's Meridian, another son of Broomstick, ran third, five lengths back, being in receipt of 20 pounds from the winner. The previous world's record was 2.02 4-5, hung up by Broomstick, when he won the Brighton Handicap, in 1904, carrying 104 pounds.

Unfortunately, there was a wide difference of opinion over the actual time made by Whisk Broom II. When Mr. Barretto, who has been clocking races on the New York tracks for many years, and is thoroly reliable, hung out 2.00, numerous trainers and railbirds looked at their watches in astonishment. Matt Allen's clock showed 2.02 2-5. T. J. Healey, who trains for R. T. Wilson, timed the race in 2.03. James Fitzsimmons' split-second timepiece registered 2.02 3-5. E. J. Albright, trainer for John Sanford, timed the winner in 2.03 3-5. Kimball Patterson's watch showed 2.03 1-5. Elmer Hathaway, an expert clocker, caught the first three quarters in 1.11 3-5, the mile in 1.37 2-5, and the full distance in 2.02 3-5.

At first it was believed that Timer Barretto had erred by stopping his watch as Whisk Broom II. flashed past the regular finish pole, instead of the special mark for this race, about 30 yards further on. But, when asked about this important point, Mr. Barretto declared positively that he had made no mistake, that he started his watch when the yellow flag at the barrier was dropped, and stopped it when Whisk Broom II. reached the special judges' stand, where another time flag was used as a finish signal.

W. C. Edwards, who was in the timers' stand, backed the veteran official up in this contention. Furthermore, Louis Garth, a well-known trainer, said he timed the race in 2.00 1-5. Deputy Fire Chief Lally, of Brooklyn, who times many races for amusement, said his watch showed that the Whitney racer ran the last mile in 1.36. This would bear out Timer Barretto's figures, for he timed the first quarter in 0.24, the half in 0.47 1-5, and the three-quarters in 1.12, Whisk Broom II. therefore running the last half mile, according to the Barretto watch, in 0.48 — by no means impossible. As the Barretto figures are official, the record will stand—at least in the American turf books.

Aside from the controversy over the time, Whisk Broom II. proved beyond the question of doubt that he is one of the greatest racehorses ever seen in this or any other country. Mr. Whitney won many big races with him in England, but he brought the stallion back here to help the turf in its present troubled state. Mr. Whitney's sportsmanship was partially rewarded when Whisk Broom II. was victorious in both the Metropolitan and Brooklyn handicaps, at this track, but his greatest triumph was reserved for the Suburban, which by the way, was won for the first time by a horse bearing the popular Whitney colors.

Only six horses went to the barrier. Trainer James Rowe decided to send Night Stick, a 3-year-old son of Broomstick, to the post with Whisk Broom II. The Whitney entry therefore ruled favorite at a prohibitive price. R. F. Carman's pair, Meridian and G. M. Miller, were second in favor, with little or no regard for Frederick Johnson's Cock o' the Walk and Mr. Talbott's Lahore. According to the scale, G. M. Miller was in receipt of 33 pounds from the star Whitney horse, which also gave 11 to Cock o' the Walk.

Starter Milton sent them away promptly in perfect alignment. In a jiffy Night Stick, with ninety-five pounds on his back, rushed to the front and assumed a commanding lead, Joe Notter moved over to the rail with Whisk Broom II. and led the Carman pair by about a length in the run up the back stretch. Lahore, with Butwell up, was not far away with Cock o' the Walk trailing far behind. This order was maintained until the far turn was reached. Then Butwell began to move up with Lahore, and at the end of the turn he was in third place, a length behind Whisk Broom II., with Night Stick setting the pace the same distance in front. Notter, still hugging the rail, took command at the head of the homestretch, where Night Stick stopped. For a moment it looked as if Whisk Broom II. would gallop home under wraps. But at the last quarter pole Lahore, under a fierce drive, challenged on the outside. He came so fast that he got on even terms with Mr. Whitney's horse before Notter realized what was up.

"Lahore wins!" roared the crowd. Notter quickly sat down and began to ride Whisk Broom II. for all he was worth. The big horse responded with superb gameness in spite of his crushing burden, and drew away slightly from his challenger. Again Lahore took a merciless whipping from Butwell, and again the crowd, rooting for the Whitney horse, cried out in alarm.

At the eighth pole it was a case of neck and neck, with Notter riding with all his vigor. He did not go to the whip, probably because he feared that the tired Whisk Broom II. might swerve under punishment. Twenty yards from the regular judges' stand the Whitney horse drew out with about a length in his favor, only to receive a third challenge from Lahore. It was a thrilling finish, in which Whisk Broom II. staggered past the official line of vision with half a length to the good, while the crowd cheered until Notter brought his mount back to the stewards' stand. Then horse and rider received another ovation. Mr. Whitney's share of the money was $2900 and a $100 silver trophy.

The Suburban, run in former years at Sheepshead Bay, was inaugurated in 1884, when Gen. Monroe won with 124 pounds. The subsequent winners were Pontiac, Troubadour, Eurus, Elkwood, Raceland, Salvator, Loantaka, Montana, Lowlander, Ramapo, Lazzarone, Henry of Navarre, Ben Brush, the sire of Broomstick and the grandsire of Whisk Broom II.; Tillo, Imp, Kinley Mack, Alcedo, Gold Heels, Africander, Hermis, with 127 pounds; Beldame, Go Between, Nealon, Ballot, with 127 lbs.; Herbert and Olambala. The former record for the race was 2.03, made by Ballot in 1908.

## RUSSIA PROMOTES WIDE OPEN RACES

Referring to the suggestion made by The New York Herald that an international race for trotters might do for harness racing what the matches at Meadow Brook and Hurlingham have done for polo, W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, sends the announcement of the Imperial Society of St. Petersburg that several important contests of this character are to be decided in Russia next fall.

One of these is worth 25,000 roubles, or about $12,000, and is open to stallions and mares. It is scheduled for September 28, according to our calendar, and horses can be entered until 11 o'clock on the day of the race on payment of $125. The distance to be trotted is one and a half versts, or about one mile. The prize will go to the horse that trots the fastest heat, instead of going to the one that finishes in front. Each horse may trot two heats against the watch, one of which must be trotted without a break. Four breaks in either heat will disqualify.

Other races open to horses of all countries at the autumn meeting in St. Petersburg are worth $5000, $2500, $1500, and $1000 each. These will hardly attract American horses that earn more at home in September and October, and they are not the kind of races to attract widespread attention in America. That could only be accomplished by an old-fashioned match race, which would bring together the champion of Russia and the champion of the United States.

With Uhlan, 1.58, in training, even a match would be a foregone conclusion, if he were allowed to start, but, since the Russians bar geldings from all the big prizes of the trotting turf, the black champion might be eliminated from consideration. With The Harvester, 2.01, in the stud, and Colorado E., 2.04¾, on the doubtful list, it is not so certain that this country could, just now, send to Russia a stallion capable of beating the best native horse on his own ground, tho the odds would probably be in favor of the Yankee horse.

The Russian Trotting Derby, worth $15,000, was won at Moscow on June 23 by Talione, a half-breed American stallion, by Gay Bingen, 2.12½, son of Bingen, 2.06 , and Gaiety Girl, 2.15¼, by Red Wilkes. The winner's time was 2.13.

## GOLDSMITH MAID NOT RACED EARLY

### Notable Cases of Horses at Their Best After Reaching the Aged Division—Caper Sauce an Example.

The general opinion prevails that horses are about all in, or at least, have seen their best days after they reach the age of ten years, is not well founded. This is proven by a New York correspondent who sends the following:

"John Doyle is fitting his old favorites, Banker and Broker, for exhibition at the Long Branch Horse Show. It is nine years since Banker was first shown at Hollywood Park, yet the trotting bred high stepper is still fresh on his legs and full of go, and his mate looks as fit as when he won the class for maiden harness horses at Bayshore in 1906. In double harness they won many prizes in the hands of Mr. Doyle before he split the pair, in 1907, selling Banker to William H. Moore, who exhibited him successfully for several years as Debator, and then sold him at auction at Durland's Riding Academy. George R. Brewster, who bought him, used him a year or two and disposed of him in his closing out sale at Van Tassell & Kearney's a few weeks ago, when Mr. Doyle repurchased him. Broker has never passed out of Mr. Doyle's hands. As Prince Alert he was won several prizes in the last few years.

"The preparation of this pair for the summer shows and the sale of old Moscow and Indian Queen at Van Tassell & Kearney's last week are reminders that very many harness and saddle horses are really at their best after they have passed the age at which horses are popularly supposed to be fit for the retired list. That the mere number of years a horse has lived is of secondary importance in estimating his value for show purposes or park driving or riding is made plain by the fact that Emil Selig, one of the largest dealers and users of high-class carriage horses in New York, seldom inquires the age or looks at the mouth of an animal he is buying. He says he judges by the general appearance of the horse how much work he can do, and how long he may be expected to last. Every horseman knows that some nags at eight are to all intents and purposes older than others are at twice that age, and that sometimes a good one that was allowed to mature before being put to hard work will last until well past twenty."

**Goldsmith Maid.**

A conspicuous example of this kind is the old time trotter Goldsmith Maid, 2.14, that lowered the world's record six times, won 332 heats in 2.30 or better and earned about $325,000 during her career. She trotted her first race when she was eight years old, and at nineteen equalled her best record. The annals of harness racing are full of instances only a little less notable, and in early days of the running turf before colts were tried as yearlings and raced as two-year olds many of the best performances were made by horses in what would now be termed "old age." Eclipse was nine years old when he won the memorial match race against Henry for $40,000 stakes at the Union Course, on Long Island, in 1823. Boston was the same age when he ran four-mile heats with Fashion over the same course for $20,000 a side in the great sectional match of 1842.

In the show ring harness and saddle horses have won their greatest victories and reached their best form when well past the age commonly believed to mark the zenith of power. All old timers will readily recall John S. Britton's blue ribbon pair, Sampson and Sigsbee, one of which was reputed to be the sire or grandsire of the other. Lord Brilliant, the matchless little gig horse that was three times winner of the original Waldorf-Astoria Cup at the National Horse Show, had reached or passed the age of ten before he won the first leg on the coveted trophy. Forest King, the final winner, was foaled in 1893 and was at his best just before he died, in 1907. Kitty Gray, a champion hackney harness mare that is still winning, was foaled in 1895 and is therefore in her nineteenth year. Elegance II., the dam of Lady Dilham, came out in 1910 and won in harness when she was twenty years old. Scores of other prize winners now on the circuit are in their teens and not a few of them are better horses than they were in their green and salad days. It is a matter of common knowledge that years are usually required to bring a champion to his best estate. Nala, Lord Baltimore, Dixie and many other famous horses afford living proof of this fact.

The case of the evergreen Caper Sauce that is still racing successfully here in Canada, is another notable example, but unlike Goldsmith Maid, Caper Sauce was raced at an early age and has been at the game constantly since he was a two-year old which was in 1904. This horse is now eleven years old and is sound as a new milled dollar, and it is doubtful if the product of the Waterloo breeding establishment was ever better than he is right now.

## GRAND OPERA HAS NEW RECORD

Smith and Proctor's good pacer Grand Opera, dropped his record down to 2.13¼ at Calgary on Wednesday, when he won his fourth stake race of the season.

Up-to-date Grand Opera has not lost a head this season, and a recent letter from Al Proctor to a friend here, says the big pacer is now at his best, and capable of shading 2.10 considerably on a good two-lap track.

The real test of Grand Opera's class is not expected until he hooks up with the Winnipeg-owned pacer The Beaver, by Searchlight, 2.03¼, at the next meeting in Winnipeg, which will be held July 8-16.

## SENSATIONAL TROTTING COLT BELWIN, LAME AT LIBERTYVILLE

### After Working a Mile in 2.11 1-4, the Crack 3-Year-Old Went Wrong—Training Notes.

The three-year-old trotter, Belwin, whose mile at Libertyville two weeks ago in 2.11¼, made him the most talked of colt of his age in training and indicated he might win the $21,000 Kentucky Futurity and other rich stakes in which he is engaged, turned up very lame a few days after that performance, and the present outlook is that he will be absent when the big events are decided.

Belwin fell lame as a two-year-old after taking a yearling record of 2.21¼ and stamping himself as having more brush than any trotter of that age had displayed. The ailment was a baffling one, there being no swelling or other outward evidence by which to locate the seat of the trouble, and it was hoped a long rest might effect a cure.

This spring, however, he was a little "touchy" in one foreleg, but not sufficiently to stop his training. The 2.11¼ mile, and the ease with which it was trotted, convinced every horseman who saw the workout that Belwin had all the three-year-old stakes at his mercy.

"I never saw anything like the speed he turned loose in getting away from the wire," said George Castle, who drove his stallion, Tommy Finch, 2.10, in the workout with Belwin. "Nobody will beat him if he stays right." McMahon and other experts, who are training at the Libertyville track, indorsed this verdict. But a week later Belwin was so lame—still without any swelling or sore spot his attendants could discover—it was evident something must be done.

Dr. McKillip of Chicago was called. He listened to the history of the case and diagnosed the trouble as a blind splint. Then he proved the correctness of his position by pointing out where it was located—directly back of the knee cap of the front leg. Pressure at the indicated point caused the colt to flinch, and the sharp little bony growth easily could be felt.

The only other trotter of promise known to be troubled in like manner is Mainsheet, 2.05. For nearly three years he was the victim of sudden and intermittent lameness which nobody could locate, but finally the blind splint idea appealed to a New York veterinary and a cure followed.

In the case of Belwin there is much more at stake in a money way, as Mainsheet was an aged trotter, while the $40,000 worth of stakes Belwin appears able to win, if not lame, are for three-year-olds only and must be secured this season if at all. Dr. McKillip is not hopeful that anything but a complete rest until next spring, combined with the usual treatment in such cases, will avail, and that is the course he recommended.

Mr. Schlessinger of Milwaukee, who owns the colt, was at Libertyville the other day and said Belwin already had improved now that it was possible to treat the exact spot of the trouble, and he was in hopes training operations might be continued.

"I shall never forget what happened when Azoff was a three-year-old," said Dick McMahon when the Belwin case was being discussed. "As a two-year-old Azoff took a record of 2.14¼, the first time he started. Previous to that day he had been but two miles under 2.20, so it looked as if he would be the first trotter of his age to enter the 2.10 list.

"But a little later, being a very good feeling colt, he made a playful jump while in harness and injured a forward tendon so badly he hardly could walk. The veterinary who attended him said the colt would be sound as ever as soon as the soreness was out of the leg, and after Azoff had been given a complete rest and acted as if he didn't have a limp in him I began training him as a three-year-old.

"Now, this was ten months after the accident, and I never gave a thought to that matter, but one day when Dr. Killip was at the track he looked at Azoff and, to my amazement said the colt surely would go lame again if I continued training him.

"Of course I explained how many valuable engagements the stallion had and how it seemed certain he would win a lot of money. But the doctor, after listening to me, merely repeated what he had said and added a few words to the effect that Azoff did not have one chance in a hundred to start in a race that year, let alone win one. And he didn't start."

"Of course Azoff was a wonderful trotter as a yearling, as well as when he was two years old," continued McMahon, "but I have a yearling daughter of his in my stable that right now can beat her sire when it comes to yearling performances. She simply is a trotting wonder, and altho I have not driven her an eighth better than 30, that sort of work is just a job for her. Her first dam is by Grattan, 2.13; grandam, Roxane, 2.12¾, by Robert McGregor, 2.17½, and as Roxane has produced a couple of fast trotters the filly's blood lines will do.

"It would be pretty easy to give this filly a fast yearling mark, but that will not be done. She will be trained moderately with frequent rest intervals during the summer and fall, and if she develops into a two-year-old of the type that will stand work enough to go to the races with and still not be strung out o the last notch, she may be raced in the fall of 1914. But she is a big, growthy filly, and with that sort it is impossible to say now what might be the proper thing to do next season."

Aside from the interest in Belwin's lameness, there has been a lot going on at Libertyville, but at the end of the present week many of the prominent horses will be shipped away to the races. The Castle string goes to Cleveland and thence on the five months itinerary that carries the horses wherever it is the fancy of their owner to roam.

Last year, after a summer in the middle west, they headed south and went to some races in Mississippi and Louisiana. In the five-year-old trotter Tommy Finch, 2.10, as a four-year-old, and his three-year-old half-brother, George Finch, which could beat 2.20 as a two-year-old, Castle has a pair of young trotters likely to be successful on the half-mile track.

Arlie Frost will race in the middle west and unless all the signs are wrong will have a pacer of the bear cat variety in King Daphne, 2.07¼, as a three-year-old, now five. The King was rather a jumpy nag as a three-year-old, and last season he also carried his head to one side and in consequence bore out on the turns, making him difficult to drive with any success in the class where his record put him.

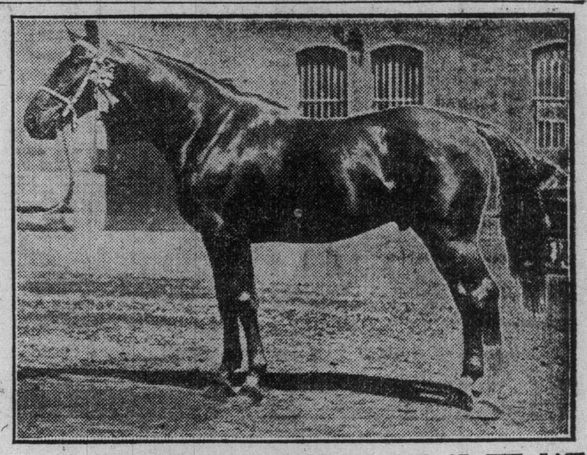
When Frost got King Daphne last winter after the horse had been sold at auction he decided that unless the pacer could be made to go with a straight head and cured of his habit of breaking in the pinches he would be of little value. So he invented a neck straightener which works to perfection and prescribed one set of new hopples, to be taken immediately before going on the racetrack, for the other trouble.

Now, not every free legged pacer takes kindly to the gun deck suspenders, and not infrequently, after the horse is induced to endure them patiently, he loses some of his speed. But King Daphne, after a few lunges, sat down in the hopples as if he liked them, and that his speed is there was shown the other day when he stepped a mile in 2.05¾ eased up at the finish.

He looks now like a sure 2.04 or better pacer any day the track conditions are right, and that he is game was shown by his seven heats at Lexington as a three-year-old, he, Miss De Forest, and Braden Direct being the only members of the original field left to contest the final round.

King Daphne is the fifth in a line of little black stallions that have had speed at the trot or the pace. They are Dictator, brother of the champion trotter Dexter; Director, 2.17 at the trot; Direct, 2.05½ at the pace; King Direct, 2.05¼ at the pace; and King Daphne, 2.07¼ at the pace.

The strain is one of the best in the stud book, and when a horse bearing it has the speed he will not lack in gameness. To make a reliable pacer of King Daphne marks Frost as something of a genius among trainers.



NASBADEN, CHAMPION THOROBRED STALLION AT THE LAST LOCAL HORSE SHOW, AND WHOSE GET ARE SHOWING UP WELL IN WESTERN ONTARIO. THE STALLION IS OWNED BY THAYER BROS, AYLMER, ONT.

## HORRON A CRACK THREE-YEAR-OLD

### Son of McGee—Josie L., Considered by Amos Turvey to Be the Year's Champion.

Amos Turney is of the opinion that he has the champion three-year-old of the year in the bay colt Horron, by McGee-Josie L., that has yet to meet defeat this year, and that has to his credit several valuable races, including the Toronto Cup, and most horsemen agree with Mr. Turney in his estimation of the colt. The performances of Horron on the Canadian circuit have been high-class in every respect. The colt is a quick breaker, has a world of speed on tap, and can stay over a distance of ground, qualities that are necessary in a star of the turf.