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THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Series to Horses from Heat Races—Moth Billy Towns, Charmer, Reel, Henry Merritt, &c.—Bad Habits of Trainers in Public—Interesting Riders, etc.

[From the Spirit of the Times].

Another great wrong that most of the clubs commit, and which often injures the horses, being a great wrong to the public who patronize the turf, and bet upon races, is that of allowing a horse to be entered in one, two, or three races, to be run on the same day. It is as injurious as heat racing, but is often done by late or avaricious owners. There is always a "cat in the meat bag" when this is done. It is easy to know who will get the worst of it. The owner and his friends know which race to back him in, but the public does not. If the horse was entered in but one race, this would not be so. If the managers of the horse run him to win all three of the races, it is an abusive use of the horse for mercenary purposes, and should not be permitted.

There is another nuisance which should be abated on race tracks, I mean that of allowing trainers or owners to continually halloo to their riders while their horses are running. I know few boldest trainers who make themselves very conspicuous in this way. If they chance to have a horse engaged in a race, they run across the track, halloo to the rider at the top of their voices, frequently accompanied with an oath or two, every time the horses pass, which often occurs twice in a mile, owing to the way in which the track is laid out. They thus create confusion among the riders, and cause inexperienced riders, of their own, by looking suddenly around to the support of the noise, to throw the horse off his stride and thus lose all chance to win the race. Such conduct often confuses their riders who indistinctly hear the instructions. It is known to all riders, and should be a rule, that a boy on a horse in a strong position can seldom hear what is said to him by a man standing upon the ground; then much can a rider hear instructions given while the horse is at full speed, especially if in company with a number of horses whose feet fill the air with a clattering noise equal to the beating of a drum. The riders should be instructed before the race to count their horses, and as little said to them afterwards as possible. If it is necessary to give them further instructions as the race progresses, it should be done by previously agreed upon signs, which the rider can easily discern in during leisure moments about the track, and, by using these signs in all cases, the boys will soon learn them and become perfect in them by the time the races are over.

worst of it. Therefore, say to your rider, "Only try to get a fair, honest start. Keep your horse's head toward the flag, and your eyes upon it, and your horse's feet in motion, with yourself properly poised, so that, when the flag falls, you may be ready for the fray. Do not slash and whip your horse, with his head down, without a pull on him to sustain him; so that he can place his stifles under him; if you do you might as well pull up, for you will not get any nearer the other horses during the race, with that kind of riding." With such instructions the horses, particularly young ones, will be saved the great injuries that follow long delayed or tedious starts, in which they become heated and almost unmanageable, from the frequent false starts, and grow stubborn and disinclined to go any way, and plunge in the air, not understanding what is meant by the fatiguing, aggravating detention, perhaps never having received as much abusive exercise in all their training. Any one who has witnessed a scene like this will agree with me that the colts were more injured, both in body and temper, in one such race than they would be from three or four months judicious training. Some plan must be invented to get the horses off from the stand in a shorter time than it usually requires. I would rather have a quiet, bad start, than a good one an hour hence, for if I lost the race, I would avoid the damaging effect it has upon the horse, both in body and mind, often lasting as long as he remains upon the track, by being thus detained at the stand by frequent and fatiguing false starts, and although I may win the race, my colt would probably be over after ruined in temper.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Reforms—Too Many Judges—False Starts—Flags.

Reform is now in order in everything, and the abuses of the turf require, if possible, more complete reformation than the political arena. I may mention one reform that is necessary in order to continue the popularity of the turf, and that is in the judges' stand. It is now used as a lunch room for swell-heads, who are at no expense in training or owning horses, to the exclusion of those who contribute all they have in horses, money, and time to keep up the grand sport of horse-racing. The stand being filled with invited guests, or others, who go in to lunch uninvited, must more or less clog the business and distract the attention of the judges. There attention is drawn away from their duties, which are manifold, such as ringing the bell to bring the horses out, and again, to ring them up promptly to start, watching the progress of the race, vigilantly scrutinizing the harness of each rider and horse until the race is ended, then rigidly standing with their faces toward the returning horses, that they may be relieved of their fatiguing load with as much dispatch as possible, by giving the jockeys permission to dismount, instead of turning their backs to discuss some incident of the race or the excellence of a glass of brandy or champagne. A reform that is most necessary is that liquor shall be kept out of the stand, that the judges

American Turf.

NEW ORLEANS SPRING MEETING.

NEW ORLEANS, April 7. Purse \$350; handicap 1 mile race, over eight furlongs; two mile dash.

L Hart's ch c Redding, 5 yrs, by Harry of the West, dam by Joe Stoner, 138 lbs. 1
G B Morris' b h Woodland, 4 yrs, by Veto, dam Sympathy, 153 lbs. 2
M Welch's g g Capt Hatchinson, aged, by Voucher, dam by Zero, 140 lbs. 3
Port Leonard, 140 lbs; Biloxie, 140 lbs; and Jim Hinton, 140 lbs, not placed.

Time—3:55.

Same Day—Pickwick Stakes, for three-year-olds; \$25 entrance, p p, 2:10 added; eleven subscribers; mile heats.

F Horn's ch c King William, by Foster, dam by Altior. 4 1 1
Barekly & Huggins' b c John McCoy, by Gen Hood, dam Lulu Barekly. 1 2 2
L Jones' chestnut filly, by Lynchburg, dam by Eugene. 3 3 r o
W Cottrill's b f Eva Shirley, by imp Glouel, dam Edna. 2 4 0
T A Gay's ch g Humburg, by Sandy Walton, dam Aurelia Westheimer. 6 5 r o
M Welch's b c Commodore Parnot, by Sandown, dam Mollie Ford. 5 dis
Mr Gray's b f Cora Lynn, by Beacon, dam Sarah McDonald. dis
J Surget's b f by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Belle Buckle, by Brown Dick. dis

Time—1:52, 1:53, 2:06.

Same Day—Purse \$400; two mile dash.

F Lloyd's ch c Veragriss, 5 yrs, by Versailles, dam Belle Brandon. 1
J McMahon's ch c Huss Butler, 4 yrs, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal. 2
L Hart's b c Henry Owings, 4 yrs, by Gilroy, dam Estell. 3
Clemmie G and Whisper not placed.

Time—3:47.

April 10—Purse \$200, for all ages; \$150, 30, 20; three quarter mile dash.

J Huggins' b c Jack Hardy, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam by imp Sovereign, 104 lbs. 1
H Hart's b h Edmund, 5 yrs, by War Dance, dam by Solferino, 110 lbs. 2
L Jones' b m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose, 107 lbs. 3
Biloxi, John Campbell, Hades, and Blennerhassett not placed.

Time, 1:18.

Same Day—Post Stakes, for all ages, \$25 each, p p, with \$500 added, of which \$100 to record; four subscribers; two-mile heats.

T A Gay's b h Sam Harper, 6 yrs, by Rebel, dam by Rupee, 114 lbs. 1 1
J McMahon's ch c Huss Butler, 4 yrs, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal, 104 lbs. 4 2
L Hart's b c Henry Owings, 4 yrs, by Gilroy, dam Estell, 104 lbs. 2 3
F Lloyd's ch c Veragriss, 5 yrs, by Versailles, dam Belle Brandon. 1

Pedestrianism.

A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE IN AUSTRALIA.

According to our Australian advices, we learn that on Fred S. Davis, an American, and Robert Watson, who had from the Emerald Isle, contended in the most wonderful 150-yard race on record, at Maitland, on Saturday, January 30. Frank Hewitt trained Davis and Mr. Dunlop did a like duty for Watson. The start was quit, a yard in Watson's favor, but before they had gone fifty yards they were running side by side, and ten yards further Davis had a shaft in his side. At eighty yards the Irishman had got in front, but the representative of the Stars and Stripes would not beamed the leadership, and went on in front until within ten yards of the tape, when Watson made a dash, got in front, and won by nine inches. The time given was 14 6-10s. In regard to the time we scarcely know what to think; if true it is really the most marvelous performance in pedestrian history. There they are—first, it is a very difficult thing to get two men in the same race to beat a fast set on record, and it must be borne in mind that the defeated competitor in this race was only nine (9) inches behind the winner, which would make only the forty-first part of a second difference in their times; and the next question is, how can it be that they can get the time down to "four tenths"? We have watches here that will time to fifths, and if there is really a watch that will register tenths—well, all we can say that we would like to be able to get one. There is no doubt in our minds that Australia is capable of producing runners, and very fast ones, too, for we have it on very good authority that the celebrated flyer Frank Hewitt caught a tartar once in a runner by the name of Harris, the "Kangaroo." The men were matched to run, but Hewitt was never in the race, as Harris literally ran away from the celebrated English crack. Verily, it would seem as if Britannia's two children (America and Australia) were about to give the old dame the go-by in the matter of sports. We don't think the amateurs of the mother country or sister country will be jealous of their Antipodean brethren. On the contrary, we think they will unite with us in wishing for the fulfillment of her own motto, "Advance Australia."

PERKINS VS. TIME.

W. Perkins, the champion sprint walker of England, on Good Friday essayed the task of walking twenty-one miles in three hours. As the sequel will pretty conclusively show, this pedestrian was verily a wonder to the

Base Ball.

MEETING OF THE JUNIORS.

A meeting of the junior base ball clubs of Ontario was held on the 13th inst. at the Royal Hotel, Woodstock. The following clubs were represented: Mutuels, London; Maple Leaf, Avons and Stars, of Stratford; Shamrocks of Galt, and the Amateurs and Young Actives of Woodstock, and several other clubs by proxy. The following are the officers elected: President, R Hill Myers, Stratford; Vice-President, S G McKay, Woodstock; Secretary and Treasurer, B C M. Cann, London. Judiciary Committee: J E Thompson, Woodstock; William No. 1, Ingersoll; William M. Veraton, Stratford; Charles Black, Galt; and Walter Murray, London. The playing rules authorized by the Canadian Association of Base Ball Players were adopted.

HALIFAX.—At a meeting of the Atlanta Club the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: J Moray, President; T Spence, Vice-President; R Fuller, Corresponding Secretary; E Morton, Recording Secretary; R Boyd, Treasurer. Board of Directors: W MacKinnon, S Smith, M Martineau, G Smith, C McDonald.

QUIT.—Messrs T. Lewis, the former Secretary of the London Base Ball Club, London, and G. H. H. of the same club, have quit.

Cricket.

TORONTO.—The annual meeting of the Toronto cricket club was held at the Rossin House on Friday last, with the following officers elected: President, Mr F W Cumberland, Vice-President, Messrs swimming yard, D R Wilson, J Martland, and Major Draper, Treasurer, Mr R H Betts, Auditor, Mr C W Postlawate, Committee, Messrs J O H. W. C. H. Sprout, H Foltz, R D Gandle, W H Young, H Brack, H J Forlong, C W S. Parry, S Benin, Hon Sec'y, Mr W P. S. Parry.

WHITBY.—A meeting of the members of the club was held in the Royal British American Hotel, on Thursday morning last.