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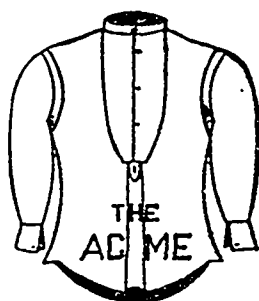
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in it was a distinguished member of many of the best courses in the country, notably Peyton's, with whom he won the great Peyton Stake. Col. Camp of Huntsville, Ala., was a distinguished turfman and an amiable gentleman, and sowed the seed that has borne such good fruit in the hands of the Smiths, Dickinsons, and Bugges. Turner, Robert Smith, of Martineboro, Franklin, and Berry Williams, all stood well in the community in which they lived, many of them representing their counties in the Legislature, and all of them, more or less, occupying conspicuous social places. Next I should mention General Butler, once elected governor of that proud State, South Carolina, when white men governed. In the war with Mexico, although in age well advanced, and beyond the prime of life, he volunteered, raised a regiment, was elected colonel, marched to Mexico, and participated in many battles. At the battle of King's Mill he was confined to his bed, but learning that his regiment had been ordered to the field, he rose, was helped into the saddle, took command of his regiment, and went into battle, and was to be found among the foremost wherever the battle was fiercest, covering himself with glory and dying on the field of Molino Del Ray. Such was one of the patrons of the American turf, a Crichton in his manners, and the most fascinating gentleman I ever met. Col. Hampton was a distinguished breeder and racer of South Carolina, and imported some of the best horses that ever came to this country, such as Monarch, Queen, and Herald, the winner of the second heat of the Peyton Stakes. He raced it a lifetime, and was fond of the sport until the day of his death. He was the son of Gen. Wade Hampton, of revolutionary memory mentioned above, and the father of several sons, who have distinguished themselves both in battle and upon the turf. As some of the most eminent are still living, it is foreign to my purpose to mention them individually. Colonel Singleton was another distinguished South Carolina turfman, who was fond of racing, and remained upon the turf to a very advanced age. Also Colonel Richardson, Sinclair, and the Rutledges, eminent in their day in South Carolina. Gen. Harrison, of Georgia, raced it, and lived to an advanced age. General Scott, of Alabama, and General Cromwell, of the same State, all distinguished civilians and quite popular on the turf. Colonel Goldsby, the owner of Brown Dick, and many other good ones, raced it for many years and up to his death. But the most eminent racing man in Alabama, during my day, was Judge Hunter, who owned and bred some of the best racehorses in the country. Among the best may be mentioned Lily Ward, Sherrod, and the dam of Pryor. He was a man of true education, great legal attainments, and always a gentleman, and loved the sports of the turf most passionately; often selected as judge in the stand, his decisions commanded the respect and confidence of everyone. Boyle Boyken, also a very pleasant gentleman, spent a great deal of time and money upon the turf. The McKae's were both fond of the horse, and quite an acquisition to the turf during their lives. Colonel Stephens, Col. Bob Chapman, and Vance Johnson, were all conspicuous patrons of the turf, owning racehorses and running them in their day, and added much to the amusements of the turf in and about Alabama, Mobile especially.

In Louisiana the most conspicuous turfman was John F. Miller, Mr. Withers, and Fergus DuPlache. John F. Miller raced it for fifty years in Louisiana, and had a great partiality for matches. He matched Gen. Wade Hampton's Fairfield for \$20,000, which was run upon the old Jackson track. He was still a patron of the turf just previous to his decease. Judge Porter, who represented the State in the United States Senate for many years, and was also eminent as a judge, was long an importer of thoroughbreds, having given \$5,000 for Hark Forward, a brother of the great Irish horse Harkaway. He also purchased, after the death of the late Colonel Jackson, of Alabama, imported Gallopade, the dam of Reel and Cracovienne, which he bred to Sorrow, from whom she produced two filies. He remained a patron of the turf to quite an advanced age. His brother, James Porter, who succeeded to his estate, kept horses in training for the turf during his lifetime.

In Kentucky the most eminent during my day was Captain Viley, a very shrewd, sagacious, and general manager of the racehorse. He was an able general on the field pending a race, and won a great many races by his good judgment in placing his horses. He owned many good horses, among the best, perhaps, being Maria, Dick Singleton, Mastletoe, and others. He was a man of strict integrity, great purity of character, and stood first and foremost as an honest man in the community in which he lived. James K. Drake, Charles Buford, Wm. Scott Buford, Col. Wm. Buford, Ned Blackburn, were all distinguished

among the distinguished. He was a very patron of the turf, often holding away a large sum of money in stakes, and his ways in attendance at all important race meetings. He died at an advanced age, and up to within a year or two of his demise he was an active participant in the many sports of the turf.

I should also mention Col. Wm. J. Minor, Natchez, owner and trainer of good stock many years, also an importer of the thoroughbred. Among his best or most prominent tho'ts were, Brannum, imported at a good price, Lancaster, New Twynne, and Orleans, brought over in a sailing ship and landed at New Orleans. He bred several distinguished race horses from these importations, remained to the last until the war broke out, when, being a large planter, he retired to his plantation, where he died, universally regretted as an honest, correct, and pleasant gentleman, social and interesting in conversational parties, always making friends and enemies. Such was Col. Wm. J. Minor, a shining patron of the turf. He stood higher in his community, notwithstanding he bred and ran the racehorse. Col. Osh. Claiborne, often a member of Congress from Mississippi, owned some distinguished race horses. Among the most prominent was his dolphin, for whom he paid \$20,000, and matched him with Col. Bingham, against Angers, for two mile heats, for five hundred bales of cotton. Col. Sheldon, also a patron of the turf, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Charles F. Kane, also a large patron of the turf, the Bassett family, Dr. and Lemuel Gastin, owner of Mercury, were generous and honorable turfmen of Natchez. Col. William B. Johnson, of Virginia, was the ablest racing man, perhaps, in the United States. He ran and won more races than any man in the country. He was often elected to the Legislature while racing upon the turf, and could have been elected to any office in the gift of the country. He made several matches, the South against the North, for from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and, upon his deathbed at Mobile, at the racetrack, he had his favorite horse, Revenue, taken in training, brought to the window of his chamber, that he might see one long, last faro look upon him before he died. He was a clear-minded, long-headed man, and was capable of filling almost any office within the gift of the people. He died at an advanced age, with the love of the horse and of racing undiminished.

Col. James Watson, of Rutherford Park, New York, lately deceased, was an enthusiastic admirer of the horse, who owned quite a large breeding stud, which he kept up to the day of his death. The most distinguished horse that he ever ran, bred, or owned, was Alcebas. Capt. Moore, Minnie Minor, Julius, Bonnie Lee, Bonnie Down, Bonnie Brass, Nannie Lee, Jerome Edgar, and many others. He was one of the most pleasant gentlemen I ever met up to the turf. He had a delicate regard for the feelings of others, and even when he won he did his success so modestly that no one felt wounded under defeat. Very hospitable and liberal in his house, and a man of the best manners I ever saw.

Col. Philo Bush, recently deceased, was an veteran of the turf, having raced it for over thirty years. Col. William Bathgate was a distinguished breeder and patron of the turf, a man of strict integrity, possessing great ability in the selection of the horse. He purchased, at an early day, the Old Maid of the Oaks, by the Spread Eagle, and the Young Maid of the Oaks by imp. Expedition, from which he bred a large number of race nags, trained and ran them successfully. Among them was Medcoe, Midas, La Tompkins, Highland Mary, Corn, Gipsy, and many others whom I cannot now call to mind. He stood among his neighbors as an able farmer, a distinguished breeder, and an honest man, great sagacity, and yet he was conspicuously connected with the turf.

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A Sacramento gentleman whose premises were over-run with rats, was informed that the best way to get rid of them was to give them a feed of yeast cakes, the idea being that the rodents, finding the cakes palatable, would eat as long as their stomachs had room, then take a drink and retire. Water and the gastric juice in their stomachs would immediately cause the yeast to ferment, and, as the suggestor of the plan remarked, "it just raises 'em up!" The citizen purchased some yeast cakes by way of experiment, and next morning discovered a very fat but greatly indisposed rat in his yard and dispatched them.