

Although the colts may run a short distance, they will go back, and finally be run out of training as worthless. The owner is disappointed, sends his stock to auction, and sells colts that he may have purchased at a high price, for a merely nominal sum, and what will disgust him still more is, to see those same horses that he has in a manner given away, afterwards, under proper treatment, become successful and valuable upon the turf.

Now, as to the selection of a track to train the horses upon. The usual track, or the track considered best for running, is a parallelogram, quarter turns and quarter stretches, but horses have been known to run as well upon the half-mile parallelogram as they have on the mile track of the same form, particularly where the turns have been thrown up gradually upon an elevation of several feet above the inside line, and, although almost any form of track with quarter turns will do to run upon for a few races, we will say during a meeting, still, to train any horse, though particularly young stock, upon a track with a long descent of a steep grade, say of several feet to the hundred yards, is very injurious. I will instance a track that most Kentuckians will remember, that which James Bradley trained many good horses upon, and most of them were broken down in consequence of its having a long half-mile down hill. Vandal was prematurely broken down upon it, the dam of Bayonet and Peasebush was injured so as never to appear upon the turf by training upon the same track, and many others that could be mentioned met with the same fate. Its bad effects are explained upon the principle that a horse, in jumping, should either strike on level ground or on a slightly ascending grade, to enable him to recover and spring again; whereas, if the track has a long descent, either on the turns or in the stretches, the horse will fall from a foot to two feet further in front than he should to enable him to recover with ease; for with a velocity of say 1:45 to the mile in jumping twenty-four feet, with the weight of his body striking the ground so much lower than the hind legs start from, his fore legs falling so much further down the hill at every jump become weary, the shoulders become tired, and it must result in serious injury to the pasterns, the tendons, and joints of the young horse; for, in addition to his own weight, he has his saddle and rider to carry. This will tire him much sooner than it would to use the same exertion upon a level or slightly ascending track, and, although many horses have run their races upon tracks of that form, it is not desirable as a training track for young stock, and should be avoided by all means. The Lexington track has a considerable descent, but by proper grading, excavating, and filling up, the club has now made it a very fast and a very safe track, because the undulations are short and frequent, which relieves the muscles of the horse while running, and gives rest, there being no long-continued strain upon the same set of muscles. The best track, however, in my opinion, now in the country for training or running horses, particularly young stock upon, is that at Jerome Park, and for this reason: Most horses when tired, will change their feet even in a straight stretch, but at this track there are three turns, which compel a horse (and with a good rider he will be made to do it with facility and ease to himself) to change his feet every time a reverse is made, which rests the legs that have been foremost on the first turn when he comes to take the reverse. For instance, he starts at the stand, and as he approaches the first turn, changes the front fore leg to the front. As soon as he passes the quarter pole, some thirty yards, there is a straight run to the point of rocks where the second turn commences. There the rider, if he understands his business, and the horse does not, will pull the reins once to draw the bit through the mouth, which will compel horse the right foot foremost. When he nears the half-mile pole and crosses the track at the proper angle, he will pull the right-hand rein and gently pass the bit through the mouth to the right hand side, which will cause the horse to throw the left foot foremost on the third turn. This will rest the other leg until he strikes into the stretch. Then if he is tired of carrying that leg foremost, which is necessary on the turn, he will change, and if not too tired, will continue to run home the last quarter upon the right leg; but, if he is tired, of course he will change his legs two or three times in going through that stretch, unless the rider is an expert, and will change his legs for him before he comes tired, and awkwardly changes them himself.

As you will see, from the above description, that by training and galloping upon this track, your young stock, which will always become leg weary from moving through long stretches, will have an opportunity to rest their legs alternately, as to preserve their action, and thereby avoid striking or striking their ankles, pasterns, or as well as obviating the necessity of using lower horses have broken down upon a track, for the number of horses trained upon it than any other that I know of in the United States. So, in selecting a track, or making a track to train a number of young stock upon, great care should be taken to select such ground

come bucked, the concussion producing quarter cracks and numerous other injuries.

## Horse Notes.

**JUDGE FULLERTON.**—Mr. William M. Humphrey left on Saturday last for Philadelphia, with his celebrated chestnut gelding Judge Fullerton. This horse has been passing the winter at Monaco Villa, St. Nicholas Avenue. Budd Doble will have him in his stable at Belmont Park this summer. The Judge is in fine fettle, sound as a rock, and will be likely to fight Father Time low down this season.

**BLACK ADMIRAL.**—Mr. C. L. Burnett, of Jackson, Mich., has purchased of Mr. C. Y. Wemple, Buena Vista Stock Farm, New York, his black 16½-hand stallion Black Admiral, by Independent, dam by Henry Clay. He will be put in the stud at Jackson. The price paid was \$1,600.

A young man in Western Wisconsin, who was about to be married the other day, suddenly remembered that he hadn't fed his horse, and the ceremony had to wait until the horse had been cared for. He explained that a good horse couldn't be found every day, while thirteen different girls wanted to marry him.

**STATUE OF AMERICAN GIRL.**—This fine statue has been placed in position at the Elmira Driving Park, standing about midway between the main entrance to the park and the western end of the grand stand. The horse faces the track, with head erect, nostrils distended, and is strikingly lifelike in attitude. The colossal figure stands upon a granite pedestal, six feet in height, weighing six tons. The statue is a great ornament to the park, and reflects much credit upon the liberal-minded gentlemen who came forward so nobly to honor the famous trotting mare. The leading parties in the management and development of Elmira Park are Messrs. S. T. Reynolds and L. Howes. The statue will remain covered until the opening day of the spring meeting of the association, June 13, when it will be unveiled. It will well repay travelling miles to see. It is the work of Messrs. J. L. Mott & Co., of New York, and cost \$2,500.

## WHITE WHALES.

The steamship *Elonora*, from Portland, which arrived at New York May 31, had, in addition to her ordinary cargo, two immense packing cases measuring about thirty feet. These cases contained specimens of the "Beluga" or white whale, the very existence of which even that eminent authority Herman Melville has denied in his "Moby Dick, or the Search for the White Whale." They are consigned to "Mr. Coup, of New York. The whales seemed to get through the journey in good style, and when landed were in good condition. They were at once removed to their permanent quarters. They had a most unfortunate accident occur, resulting in the death of the largest specimen. Owing to the carelessness of some of the workmen some sharp iron edges had been left in the tank. Directly the whales were put out of the temporary tanks into their quarters the largest commenced lashing round at a furious rate of speed, and in so doing struck its flukes against the iron, causing a wound from which it bled to death in a few hours. The loss will be nearly \$4,000.

## A NOTED ENGLISH TURFMAN DEAD.

Intelligence reaches us, says the London Sportsman, 26th ult., of the death of Mr. Thomas Hewett, which, we regret to announce, took place on Wednesday, 24th ult., at his residence, Hunter's Hill, Gateshead, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Mr. Hewett was a foremost figure on the turf, especially as a breeder of blood stock, and his annual sales at York always contributed a feature of the August Meeting; in fact, Messrs. Tattersall's catalogue for years was never complete without the "sale of the Gibside yearlings." Nowry, who won the Middle Park Plate in 1878, was bred by him, and many others who took honors on the turf were foaled at Gibside. Mr. Hewett was an excellent specimen of the English country gentleman, and his uniform courtesy and urbanity will be remembered far beyond his own immediate circle.

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