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TUBMAN FOR SALE.

For the production of half-bred horses big sires
are always popular, as however fallacious the con-
jecture may often prove, breeders always persist in
looking for large produce from large sires. It often
happens, however, that a small sire will produce
large colts, and sometimes (though not so often) it
happens that a large sire gets small colts. In the
famous thoroughbred stallion Tubman (advertised
for sale elsewhere) the buyer will find not only great
size and substance, but a well proved ability to get
large solid colored produce. Tubman should be a
very useful horse wherever he may go, but if bred to

large, heavy mares he could hardly fail to produce
carriage horses of rare quality, size and finish.

As a sire of race horses, Tubman should be very
successful. In his day on the turf he was a
thorough race horse at all distances up to four
miles (having won the Bowie Stakes at Baltimore)
and fashionably bred as he is (by War Dance out of
Lass of Sidney, she by imported Knight of St.
George) he should be popular either as a producer
of thoroughbreds or half-breds.

HORSES FOR SALE.

In another column will be found an advertise-
ment of the sale of the following horses: Midlo-
thian, Direction, Kennesaw, Miss Archibald, and
Wildwood. In this lot, though it is not a very large
one, race-horse owners and breeders have a con-
siderable variety from which to make their selec-
tions. First in the list comes imported Midlothian,
an extremely handsome and well-turned English
thoroughbred, descended of some of the most
fashionable strains now represented on the English
turf. Were it not for the alleged question as to his
breeding it is very doubtful if Midlothian would
have ever crossed the Atlantic, for with Lufra for
his dam, had it been settled whether he was by
Strathconan or Rataplan he must have been highly
prized for stock purposes, but men who pay fancy
prices for finely bred sires, want to be absolutely
certain as to the blood lines they are following, so
that while either sire was good enough the question
as to which of the two was the sire must have been
a powerful agency in lessening his price after he
had closed a very successful career on the turf.
But while Midlothian, with his double parentage,
might not be quite the article for the patrician
matrons of the English studs, there is no reason
why he might not be successful as a sire of both
thoroughbreds and half-breds in Canada, and it is
to be hoped that he will not be permitted to go out
of the country.

The rest of the animals offered are of less value
to the breeder, though Miss Archibald should make
an excellent brood mare, and as her produce could
claim half-bred allowance they should be excep-
tionally useful on the turf. She was a wonderfully
game and clever cross country mare herself, and if

is not improbable that when coupled with a
thoroughbred stallion she might produce race
horses having all the speed, courage and endurance
of animals that were strictly thoroughbred. She is
in foal to Scalper.

The closely inbred son of Disturbance and
Nettie, Direction, is a very speedy sprinter, and
being eligible for half-bred races should be especi-
ally valuable for a class of races that are every year
becoming more and more popular.

Kennesaw, a great race horse in his day, is still a
grand-looking gelding, and though it is not probable
that he would stand training he should be a superb
hunter.

Wildwood is a chestnut two-year-old gelding,
fashionably bred, but as yet untried.

THE BEST BREED OF FOWL.

This oft-mooted question arises up as regularly
as winter follows fall. To my mind every breed
has its place, and it is useless and idle talk for any
breeder to claim that any one variety is the breed
par excellence for everybody. But still some men
have the idea that they know all that is worth
knowing, and as a general thing the statements they
make are so manifestly partisan as to render them
useless as an argument. I read in one of the
poultry journals lately just such an article. In it
the writer asserted it to be a fact that the Wyan-
dotte is the only breed that is adapted to all coun-
tries, climates and conditions. Now, in my long
experience as a poultry breeder, I have handled
probably every variety that has ever gained any
prominence in America. I have handled at least
twenty-five breeds, and I have yet to find the first
one that nature has not made a special place and
position for it to fill. Nature never makes a mis-
take, and where a breed is deficient in one point
it makes up for it somewhere else. Now let us
look the breeds over and try and find one that
has not got a place laid out for it somewhere. Let
us commence with the Plymouth Rock, a breed
that is probably bred pure about two to one of any
other breed among the farmers of the United
States and Canada. This breed is essentially, to
my mind, a general utility fowl. It reaches an
average weight of four pounds in six to eight