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THE THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE.
HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.
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BY AN OLD TRAINER.
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CHAPTER XXXV.
Errors in Training Continued—Shoeing and Plating.
[From the Spirit of the Times].

Another great error which the trainer of the racehorse commits, is in having him shod. If he will once try the experiment of running without shoes, he would ever after train them barefooted; for, next to blanketing horses, shoeing is the worst evil. More bad effects can be enumerated from the shoeing of the horse than any trainer would believe, unless it was brought before him in such a form as to challenge conviction. The little yearling has to be pulled into the blacksmith shop at his tender age, and what is a blacksmith shop to a colt, whose sense of smell is the strongest of the five senses? There is the leather apron of the blacksmith, which smells as strong to the colt as a buffalo robe, the sight and scent of which scares all horses. Then there is a tub of carbonized water, in which the blacksmith cools his tools and hot iron. Then there is the blowing of the bellows, forcing the flame and smoke to rise, scented with the sulphur of the bituminous coal. There is also the deafening sound of the hammer, beating red-hot iron upon the anvil, which throws out fiery sparks all through the shop, some alighting on the colt, or so near him as to startle him almost into frenzy. If the door be not shut, he flies the shop, frightened almost to death, dragging his groom, who is generally a little boy, with him; but if the door is shut, he runs back against the furnace, or against the horn of the anvil, or in the tub of water, or in a pile of iron bars and old horse shoes, kicking, rearing, and pitching, or, in his desperate fright, jumps out of one of the windows, and perhaps cripples himself for life. Such is the sad result which oftentimes occurs from taking young colts into a blacksmith shop under full blast. This is no fancy sketch or fiction, but a sad reality, which I have witnessed two or three times myself. Now we will say a colt may be taken into a blacksmith shop to be shod, who is not so frightened as the one described above, owing, perhaps, to his organization not being so nervous and delicate, and the blacksmith may be able to approach him so as to lift up his foot. This is generally the duty of the cub or apprentice boy, who, when he attempts to bring the colt's foot up between his legs, does it so roughly, by trying to get his leather apron under the leg, that the colt becomes frightened and jumps; instead of the cub letting the foot go at the moment, so as to show the colt he was not to be hurt, he hangs on like a bulldog, and so they jump and tumble and pull, and a terrible tussle ensues between him and the affrighted colt, which at last is ended by the colt throwing his antagonist and jumping over him, perhaps

has to run the gauntlet, as above described, and oftentimes he is treated still worse, he will never forget it, and this applies to all colts who have not been handled a long while previous to being shod or taken to the shop. I have known horses to become so vicious from bad treatment at the shop, that they had to be thrown every time they were shod. But why shoe horses at all, especially colts, say one, two, and three year olds? and that too when their feet are growing, for when they are shod, while they are growing at one end they are rotting at the other. While the shoe covers the foot, a rot sets in between the sole and the outer crust, forming a deep furrow, which, upon removing the shoe, the smith has to pare off fully a quarter of an inch of the outer crust before he can get sufficient base to reset the shoe. Without the shoe the foot grows much stronger, and forms a close seam between the under and the upper crust, and seems to unite solidly, preventing rot or spongy substance from forming, as does under the shoe. The question has been asked, "What is the object of shoeing?" The only answer is: "To prevent the horny substance of the hoof from breaking."

Now, I can show the growth of a much better hoof, and a far superior frog, on a horse shod, four weeks after the shoes are removed, and it matters not what may be the condition of the feet, whether brittle or tough, small or large, flat or horned-shaped, in four or six weeks with proper attention, by using only a rasp and a knife to cut off shank or rotten pieces of frog. By this means better feet can be produced than those of horses who are continually shod, and they shall go through all their exercises of training and running in the races, over the same ground and the same tracks that horses do who are shod and plated. I shall not portray the great advantage and the good effects to the feet of horses who are not shod, and the injuries resulting to the horse who is continually kept shod. The danger that the colt or horse is subjected to when being first shod, I have just described above; if he is not lamed or injured in body, and ruined in temper, the owner may congratulate himself, for his horse has made a lucky escape. Now, the next danger to the shod horse is in his becoming lame, most likely from being pricked. There are two kinds of pricking; the most common, however, is that when the nail is driven into the sensitive part of the hoof; but the more dangerous kind of pricking is where the nail has been driven so near the sensitive part of the hoof that, when the clinching iron is put under the nail, and the blacksmith with his hammer strikes the nail on the head before they are driven solidly down in the groove of shoe, the nail, meeting a resistance at each end, will bend in the middle, pressing against the sensitive part of the hoof, which sets up an inflammation, and, if matter forms, and it finds no outlet, tetanus or lockjaw supervenes, and death follows. Or, perhaps, the nails being drawn too tightly, when clinched, may draw the outer crust too close up to the sensitive part of the hoof, and thus produce acute pain and lameness, and cramp follows, until the shoe is removed. This same painful sensation is often brought about by driving in too many nails, and too far back, toward the heel, causing the latter to contract upon itself, and producing an injury to the frog and navicu-

coronot, sometimes so sorely as to stiffen the action of the coffin joint, but always deep enough to cause bleeding.

(To be Continued.)
THOROUGHBREDS FOR SALE.

OWEN CUTLER AND ZADOK.
Mr. Alloway, V. S., Montreal, the well-known horseman, offers the above thoroughbred sires for sale in to-day's paper. OWEN CUTLER is very fashionably bred, being by imported Leamington, dam by imported Australian. With the exception of Hyder Ali, he is the only Leamington stallion in Canada, to our knowledge. Such a fine horse should easily find a purchaser while the demand appears to be so great in this country for breeding to thoroughbreds. ZADOK has coursing through his veins on his sire's side the blue blood of Lexington, Boston and Sir Archy, and on his dam's side claims connection with the aristocratic families of R-venut, imported Trustee, American Eclipse, &c., &c. They will be sold at moderate figures, and intending purchasers should make early application.

REVELLER.
On Tuesday next, Messrs. Grand & Son will offer for sale by auction, here, imp. Reveller, by Prince Minister, dam by King Tom. He stands 16-2, a good brown, and is in fine health and condition. The esteem in which Reveller is held may be judged from his exceedingly large books in past seasons. The terms of purchase are favorable, and no doubt will attract buyers.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."

HYDER ALI—This popular sire will make the season of 1877 at his owner's stable. As it is the intention to place him in training in the fall, his book is strictly limited to the number given in the advertisement. It is unnecessary to speak of the high breeding of this horse; it is known to and recognized by every horseman in Canada.

HELMHOLD will make Lachine his headquarters during the present season. This great horse is one of the best of the numerous fine thoroughbreds we have in Canada. To the careful breeder his size, pedigree, and great racing qualities will command themselves. Space will not permit in an article like this to give a resume of his performance, suffice it to say, he occupied the highest position during his turf career, having the honor of beating, among others, the great Kentucky crack Longfellow, in a four mile race at Saratoga.

OYSTERMAN, JR., will make his first season in Canada in the neighborhood of Port Hope and Cobourg. From the number of Tom Kemble, Jack the Barber, Sir Tatton, Tuunder, and other well-bred mares in that section we expect good results from this horse's

American Turf.
RACING IN CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—The great four-mile heat race, which for several weeks has been the leading topic in racing circles on the Pacific Coast, took place to-day. The course selected was the Bay District Fair Grounds, and the attendance was immense. The day was delightful, and the track in prime condition. The stake was \$5,000, divided into four moneys. There were seven entries, five of which started. Mollie McCarty was a decided favorite, her victory in December winning her staunch friends, who backed their opinion heavily at 2 to 1 against the field. She proved faithful to the trust imposed in her, winning handsomely in two heats. Time, 7:43½, 7:42½. We give a condensed account of the heats, received by telegraph:

FIRST HEAT.—The horses were sent away to an even start. Bradley cutting out the work, led steadily until the home stretch of the third mile was well over, when the favorite was given her head, and shot to the front; Bazar, who had up to this time been trailing, was sent along, and quickly ran into third place, Bingham fourth; Lady Amanda, evidently sick of the pace, dropping hopelessly to the rear. There was no change of position to the finish, Mollie McCarty winning, Lady Amanda distanced. Time, 7:43½.

SECOND HEAT.—At the word, Bradley once more took the lead, and showed the way through the first and second mile; the favorite a good second, Bazar third. Rounding the turn of the third mile, the favorite was given her head, and shot into the lead; Bazar, also doing good work, passed Bradley. These positions were unchanged to the close of the race, Bradley equally tired, as with Lady Amanda in the first heat, fell further and further behind, as did Bingham, both of them being badly distanced at the outcome. Time, 7:42½. Mollie won first, third, and fourth moneys, Bazar second.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Feb. 22.—Purse \$5,000; for all ages; four-mile heats.
F Winter's b f Mollie McCarty, 4 yrs, by Monday, dam Hennie Farrow, 101 lbs., 1 1
B F Timon's ch o Bazar, 4 yrs, by Jack Malone, dam by Australian, 104 lbs., 3 2
W P Barnes' gr h Bradley, 5 yrs, by Norfolk, dam Marguerita, 110 lbs., 3 dis
J N Crabb's ch h Billy Bingham, aged, by Dick Lindsey, dam unknown, 4 dis
J Cairn Simpson's b m Lady Amanda, aged, by imp Murrah, dam Lady Lancaster, 111 lbs., 4 dis
Time—7:43½, 7:42½.

The Trigger.

Aquatic.
A CHALLENGE TO YACHTSMEN.

Captain Cuthbert, the builder of the Countess of Duffrin and many other first-class Canadian yachts, has issued a challenge to all the owners and builders of yachts of ten tons and under, Royal Canadian Yacht Club measurement, to sail a race during the forthcoming season against a ten-ton yacht he is now building at Cobourg. Entrance fee to be fifty dollars; first boat to take the whole money; the race to be sailed on Lake Ontario. The challenge is open to all yachts sailing on the inland lakes.

A rowing association is being formed at Halifax, N.S., whose aim will principally be to keep a first-class four-oared crew in training.

Who's THE BOSS.—A report comes from Boston that Landura will be watched to row any man in the country (bar Haulan) a two or three-mile race for \$500. Plastered is in the field, and will be looking up all such customers this summer, and will accommodate Landura.

Athletic.

WRESTLING.

In the wrestling match at Utica, N.Y., on the 5th inst., between McLaughlin, of Detroit, and Bauer, of New York, McLaughlin won the collar and elbow fall, and Bauer the Græco-Roman fall. A dispute arose as to the next contest, Bauer refusing to wear his shirt; whereupon the referee awarded the match to McLaughlin.

It is hinted that a wrestling match will come off between McLaughlin, of Detroit, and Washington Irvine Chamberlain, of Buffalo, N.Y., for \$2,000 and the championship of New York State.

English Turf.

LATEST DERBY BETTING.

5 to 1	against	Chamant
7 to 1	"	Pellegrino
7 to 1	"	Plunger
12 to 1	"	Hot Roy
16 to 1	"	Morier
15 to 1	"	Lady Golightly
25 to 1	"	Actæon
25 to 1	"	Monk
25 to 1	"	Warren Hastings
33 to 1	"	Albert Edward
33 to 1	"	Bay Athol
33 to 1	"	Goldfay