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THE THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

*Reports to Horses from Heat Races—Moth
—Billy Towns, Chasmer, Reel, Henry
Perritt, etc.—Bad Habits of Trainers
in Public—Instructing Riders, etc.*

[From the Spirit of the Times].

Another error in training, and it frequently results most disastrously to the horse, is repeating him when tired in a trial run, or in a race. No dead heat should be allowed to be run off. The tired condition is easily observed by an experienced trainer. It manifests itself in a swollen loin, raised tail, and excessive contraction of the flanks at every inhalation, which symptoms indicate an engorgement of the blood vessels of the lungs, and hence presses against the air cells. In this condition it is with difficulty that the horse can inhale sufficient air to keep from smothering. To repeat a horse in that condition is very dangerous, unless a longer time is allowed for cooling off than is permitted by the rules in repeat races. I assure you such a horse will not be in a condition to run another race that day; for the brain, lungs, heart, blood vessels, and all the cellular tissues have become engorged. It takes a long time for them to return to their normal state, and when they do so, it leaves the nervous system more or less prostrated. It will require several days of nursing with grass, salt, and water to bring him around to his former self. Had he been repeated in the condition described above, the chances are that he would have been dead for some time, and, perhaps, have never been seen so many horses injured by heat races, some of them almost ruined for life, that, I think, permit racing (and they all do) without an organization, club, or committee to the Legislature for a charter, which would limit the racing to such a degree that no heat races should be run under the charter. This would prevent the running off of dead heats. From one to four miles are enough for a horse under the weights now carried in the race. His speed, bottom, and courage can be tested in such races without repeating him, and his improvement will be assured.

I will mention, at the hazard of repeating myself, a few heat races at one, two, three, and four miles, most conspicuous in disastrous results upon the horses engaged. First there was the sixteen-mile race, won by Billy Towns, over the Oakland course, near Louisville, Ky. Five or six horses started in the race at heats of four miles. Sambo won the first heat, and died before the race was over. Billy Towns won the second heat, and Darby the third heat, and died before the race was over. Billy Towns won the fourth heat and the race. It was a very close

with the aid of the atmosphere, assists in cooling the horse off by lowering the temperature of the skin. Many horses are more restless under the scraper and rubbing cloth than they would be under the whip. It can be seen, while the horse is under the process, that it either hurts him, or he dreads being hurt by being made sore from scraping or rubbing.

The race just described proved injurious to all the horses that survived it. Not one of them ever appeared upon the turf again, and races resulting so fatally as this do throw a damper upon the racing community, and are very detrimental to the sport. Another race in which Moth died, one of Glencoe's best daughters, after winning the first heat. She was blanketed as usual, and soon cramped and fell; she was helped up, and started for a second heat, but she did not win. It was a long race, and a hot day. Had she not been started for the second heat, she might have lived. Had it been a dash, she would have won the race and lived, too.

Another sixteen-mile race, run at New Orleans, and won by Chasmer, resulted in injuring one horse, and killing another. Rigadon won the first heat, broke down, and was rendered wholly worthless, as he was a gelding. Florine cramped, and died by the time the race was over. It would have been a twenty-mile race had it not been that Louis d'Or, a three-year-old, was withdrawn after the fourth heat. That ended the race, as Chasmer was not required to gallop for the fifth heat.

Another race of four heats, run over the old Louisiana Track, four miles, between Gray Medoc, Alford, and Demizen. Gray Medoc won the race, and broke down in the effort. Alford broke down a few weeks afterwards, and Demizen did not afterwards appear upon the turf. The great race was Reel, the best daughter of Glencoe, was broken down in a four-mile race.

One of the most remarkable races within my memory was that which the game and fleet horse Henry Perritt died in, after winning it in four heats. It was run over the Nashville (Walnut) course, Sept. 29, 1855. There were three horses in the race, Henry Perritt, Whirlwind, and Iodine. It was a rainy day, and the track was very slick. Perritt won the first heat, and Whirlwind the second. In the third heat, Whirlwind was in the front and fell. Perritt was so close on him that he fell over him. Iodine passed them both, but Perritt's rider, not being badly injured, got on him and pursued Iodine, who was nearly a half mile ahead. She won the heat, distancing Whirlwind, who was badly injured by the fall. Perritt saved his distance. On starting for the fourth heat, Iodine went off, but Perritt refused to go, and ran through a gate into an outside enclosure, fell, and threw his rider. He remounted, and got his horse on the track, and started in pursuit of the mare, who was now a quarter of a mile or more ahead. She ran steadily ahead. She ran steadily along until she came around to the stand and there she leaped the railing, threw her rider, and injured her leg. The rider remounted her, and got her back on the track, but by this time Perritt came up and away they went together, and after a hard struggle, Perritt won the fourth heat.

Base Ball.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION.

The second annual convention of the Canadian Association of base-ball players was held on Thursday afternoon, 5th inst., in the Walker House, Toronto. Mr. George Sheeman, of Guelph, occupying the chair. Representatives were present from the Maple Leaf (professional), the Maple Leaf (amateurs), and the Silver Creek, all of Guelph; the Atlantic, of London; the Iroquois, of Markham; the Athletics, of Elora; and the Torontos, of Toronto; various other clubs in the Association being represented by proxy.

The treasurer, Mr. Mountain, brought in his report, from which it appears that the funds of the Association are in a healthy state.

The report of the Judiciary Committee of 1876, awarding the championship emblem to the Tecumshs, of London, was adopted.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the various officers for the ensuing season, when the following were elected by acclamation:—President, Mr. Geo. Sheeman (Maple Leaf, prof., Guelph); Vice-President, Mr. H. C. Smyth (London); Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Mountain (Toronto). The President then, as usual, selected the Judiciary Committee, which is constituted as follows: Messrs. McGill (Iroquois, Markham), McPherson (Toronto), Smart, (Athletics, Elora), Moorhead (Atlantic, London), Nichols (Maple Leaf, amateur, Guelph).

The constitution was read over and retained unaltered.

The playing rules of the International Association of Base Ball Clubs, as adopted at the Pittsburg Convention, were adopted as the playing rules of the Canadian Association.

It was decided to have two distinct championships—one for the professional clubs and one for the amateur clubs of the Association, to be decided under two distinct codes of rules. The code was left unaltered, as played last year, for the professional championship; while the principal changes effected in that code to adapt it for the amateur championship code were that the number of games in the series were reduced to three, that the visiting club is entitled to 50 per cent of the gross receipts; that the entrance fee for the amateur championship is reduced to \$5; and that lady visitors are admitted free.

Mr. P. Collins, of the SPORTING TIMES, was authorized to publish the Canadian Association base ball guide for 1877. The guide, when completed, will contain the amateur

Checkers

CHECKER PLAYING.

BRIGHT vs. PLATTSVILLE—On the evening of the 28th ult., a match came off for the championship at draughts in Bright, against Plattsville. The following is the result: Bright won 28 games. Plattsville won 19 games. A return match was played on the 3rd inst., and resulted as follows: Bright won 14 games, Plattsville 8 games.

AT OTTAWA—The return match between a team of the Curling Club and a team of the Caledonia Club, took place last week in the St. Andrew's rooms. The former were again beaten. The score standing:—Caledonians, wins, 52; Curlers, wins, 23, draws, 13. The stake was a bag of meal for the Orphan's Home. Ald. Henderson acted as referee.

FROM LOCKPORT.

LOCKPORT, April 9, '77.

To the Editor of Sporting Times.

Horse items and money go together in this vicinity, where you find one you generally find both, consequently, money being scarce horse items ditto. Please accept for a substitute a bull-y item. Mr. Geo. F. Greene, residing about two miles east of this city has added to his stock of cattle, thoroughbred registered calf Hartford Bull, by Knave, dam Dot's, calv'd Jan. 14, 1876, bred by Mr. Charles M. Beach, of Hartford, Conn., one of the most noted and enterprising breeders of Jersey cattle in this country.

The Albert Gymnastic Association decided to disband. Their apparatus, &c., were sold at public auction, and brought about \$75. The association was not in debt, and this movement is one that will be generally regretted in time to come.

The party given by the Niagara Light Guards, was the social event of the season, and a grand success, the fondest hopes of the most sanguine were fully realized.

Amusements are at par. Furbush's Fifth Avenue combination in Forbidden Fruit to good house, March 31st. The Mallard Club of this city concertized to a large and delighted audience on the 3rd inst. John T. Raymond and company on the 5th to poor house. Washburn's Last Sensation is billed for this evening, and present appearances indicate a full house. A first-class orchestra would be fully appreciated by Lockport audiences, having been satisfied for some time by one of the most violent discords imaginable, they have at last opened their eyes

FRANK INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, April 9th, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—We had a theatrical treat here for two nights last week, viz., Miss Sophie Miles and company, under the management of that well-known actor Mr. Spackman. Miss Miles appeared in the roles of Rose Michel and in Hamlet. They played to crowded houses both nights, and they richly deserved it, as everybody went away well pleased with the programme.

Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Putnamville, has sold his colt by Capt. Tom to Mr. James Karns, hotel keeper, of Beachville. Mr. Karns was already the owner of a colt of the same breed and he is now the lucky possessor of one of the best match'd teams in Western Ontario. The consideration I believe was \$200. Mr. James Chambers, of this vicinity, owns at present one of the finest draught teams it has ever been my lot to see. They are Clydesdales, by imp. Champion, dam by imp. Punch. They stand 17 hands, and weigh 1,600 each. They took the first prize at the Western Fair, London, 1876.

Some of Capt. Tom's friends in this town think it was rather unnecessary to bar Caledonia Chief in the Stallion Race, as Tom is not afraid of him a little bit, and they are ready to back their opinion too.

I am sorry to have to report the death of Mr. James Buttaby, G. W. H. Station Master, and for years President of the Ingersoll Cricket Club. He was the leading spirit in all athletic sports in this town, and we shall miss him very much. His death was very sudden. It had been attending the performance of Miss Miles at the Town Hall when he took a fit of angina, which caused a choking in the throat, and he expired in a few moments.

Yours very truly,

TOX WEIGHT.

A TROTTING COLT.

Mr. John B. Wilson, of Ottawa, has lately purchased from Dr. L. Herr, of Forest Park, Lexington, Ky., a very fine three-year-old colt by Mambrino Patchen, dam Wait-a-bit, grand dam by imported Glencoe. The consideration reported is \$600, and Mr. W. thinks he has quite a bargain. The colt stands about 15 3/4, and has fine style and action. He should prove quite an addition to our stock of trotting sires. Mambrino Patchen has a reputation for producing