

Sporting.

HO! FOR THE PINES.

BALLAD.

When the pits green-dusty and hot in the glare
Of Phoebus, who's driving his summer coupe;
When mortals are yielding to sultry despair,
And cursing the heat in the old-fashioned way;

On some stony noon-time of August 1-33,
Come forth from the buildings of human de-
sign:
Away from the bricks and the mortar, away!
And ho! for the breath of the whisp'ring pine.

The day's growing warmer; the sultry air
Is molten now to the worker's dismay;
The soda clerk wearies within his cool fair,

NOTES.

JUNE 29, July 1, 2 and 3 have been claimed by Secretary A. D. Stewart, for next year's trotting meeting at the mile track in Hamilton. If this kind of thing goes on it will be necessary to get the baby to claim dates directly he is born.

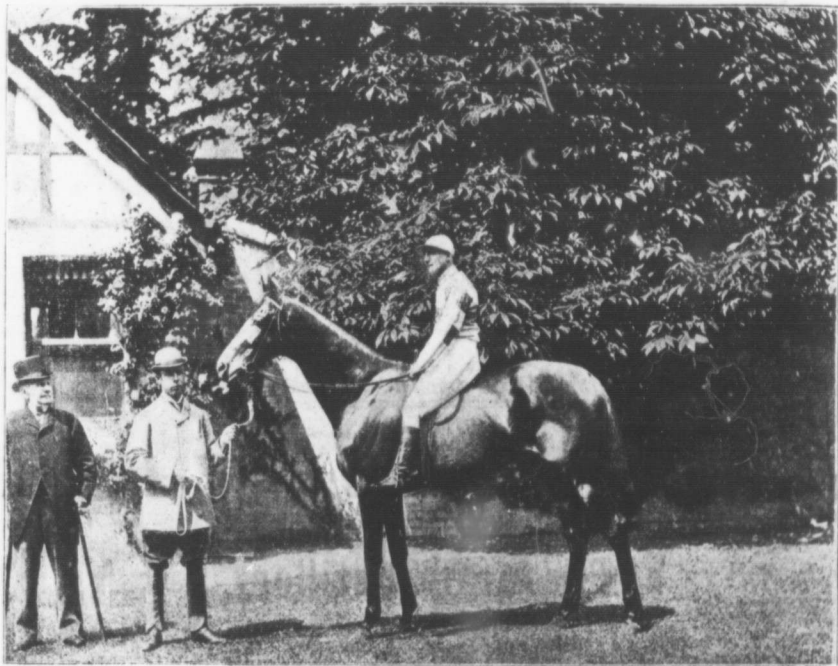
We congratulate "papa" Hamlin on having decided not to trot any two-year-old in a race. He proposes to keep his youngsters until three years old before giving them an opportunity to show what they can do in public. Trotting two-year-olds and yearlings in races is an

she is not 15½ hands high at the shoulder. She dropped a filly last Monday to Wilton at my farm, and I measured her some days before she foaled. She just measured 15 hands and 1¼ inches. The foal looks to me to be the best she ever had. Reina Victoria was only 14½ hands, and Silhouette, the dam of Silicon and Silurian, is 15 hands 1 inch. Betsy and I, the dam of Moquette, 2,10, is only 15 hands, and Wilton himself is only 14 hands 3¼ inches. Rosalind was about 15½ hands, and I am satisfied old Green Mountain Maid measured less than 14 hands 3 inches. Miss Russell is the biggest mare

but we won't take them. Whatever is the reason the coming trotter will not be a big one." Coming from such a source, this is valuable evidence on the great question of practical breeding, especially to people who, like our own, are confirmed believers in magnitude.

It strikes us that the following, which is taken from the *Liverpool Post and Gazette*, about wins the whole confectionery for choiceness in slang: "An enthusiastic crowd! I should think so. Lord love me, there was any amount of enthusiasm knocking about," observed Arthur

SAINT LADAS AND HIS ACOLYTES.



MATTHEW DAWSON,
Trainer.

LORD ROSBERY,
Owner.

LADAS (Winner of 2,000 Guineas and Derby).
J. WATTS, Jockey.

But a crowd of the women as fast as he may,
The streets are deserted, and why not, I pray?
For moral conditions are on the decline,
Away from the bricks and the mortar, away!

And ho! for the breath of the whisp'ring pine.

Then ho! for the pines, where wood-nymphs
prepare
A welcome for mortals. The glittering spray
Of the trout streams, in falling, has moistened
the air.

In the dusk of the tree-tops are squirrels at
play.

Perhaps so that fastness some lily robed fay
Will visit your dreams, if it does you no good,
Their home is the tree or wood-land; away!
And ho! for the breath of the whisp'ring pine.

ENVOI.

Away from the bricks and mortar, away!
Farwell to the cobbles of roads and her
-air-see.

Away from the office and street for a day;
And ho! for the breath of the whisp'ring pine,
-trotting for August.

abomination that should be forbidden by law.

SOME most interesting information as to the value of size in brood mares was given by Mike Boverman, the trotting horse trainer, in a conversation prior to the commencement of racing at Detroit on the first day of the Grand Circuit meeting there. Boverman laid it down as a law, according to the correspondent of the *Chicago Horseman*, that a very large mare had but a poor chance to figure as a great producer. "Alma Mater," he said, "has always been called a big mare, but

I know of that has proved a great producer, and she is about 15½. Betsy Trotwood was a big, rough mare fully 16 hands, and it is a wonder she produced so good a horse as Phalaris. Old Betty Brown was between 15½ and 15½, but for all that you will find that all the greatest producers are about 15 hands and no more. We have at our farm just now a great many of the most valuable brood mares in the country, and we will not accept one from Wilton that stands over 15½ hands. Many people think that when they have big, raw-boned mares 16 hands or over they should mate well with a small stallion,

Swift, alluding to the contest for the Princess of Wales' Stakes. "I just went up to the rails in Tattersall's ring to have a liker at the finish, and there was a persher behind me who kept yelling and shouting out Isinglass all the time they were running, and although I said:

"Here, steady yourself, old man," he kept on at it. But when Isinglass' number went up he bally well bashed my head in! I turned to him and said: "Ben, you old bounding Bashi Banoon, I didn't want to swap my box: for a cross hat!" "I beg your pardon," said he, "but I'm

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