

THE STALLION HANNIS.

A short time ago we used the stallion Hannis as an illustration of the intelligence which teaches a horse when not to trot and when to trot. Now we are constrained to speak of him as having had by far the most illustrious inaugural season of all trotters upon the American turf. In this respect, too, he serves as a valuable illustration of the progress in trotting. It is a fact that, while considerable interest has attached to his performances among horsemen, and he has been to some extent the subject of conversation through the land, still he has not become the rage, there has been no *furor* about him. Yet his achievements east those of a Lady Suffolk, a Flora Temple, a Dexter, or a Goldsmith Maid into the shade. If this horse had done in 1867 what he has done in 1877, his name would have been in every mouth, the papers would have been full of it, the children would have shouted it in the streets, we should have had Hannis hats and Hannis neckties, and vendible articles would have sold like hot cakes, bearing the magic imprint of his name. But we are becoming used to these things, and even such performance as his excite scarcely a ripple. Yet think of them! This seven-year-old stallion first trotted a race on the 15th of last May, and up to the 9th of July took part in nine, travelling thousands of miles, without getting a record, owing, as we have before explained, to his intellectual development. Since that date, cutting himself loose, he has won at Chicago, in 2:30, 2:29, 2:27; again, at Chicago, in 2:29, 2:29, 2:24; at Cleveland, in 2:24, 2:24, 2:20; at Buffalo, in 2:25, 2:26, 2:27; at Rochester, in 2:25, 2:24, 2:24; at Utica, in 2:21, 2:21, 2:26; and at Hartford, in 2:19, 2:22, 2:22. Only one race did he lose since he began winning, and that to Prosper at Poughkeepsie, a horse whom he handily beat the following week. He has now the second best stallion record, and is the first horse that has beaten 2:20 in his inaugural season, and that feat was performed after incessant trotting and travelling from the middle of May to the first of September. The initial campaign of any other trotting horse that ever stepped on iron is insignificant compared with this. What he may do in the future, the future alone can determine; he could retire now with a matchless record. His trainer and driver, John E. Turner, has achieved the triumph of his own career with Hannis.—*Spirit of the Times.*

FUNERAL OF M. BLANC.

M. Blanc, the great gambler, was buried at Paris on the 11th ult., the funeral services taking place at the Church of St. Roch. The funeral was one of the grandest Paris had seen for a long time, the church being elaborately decorated with silver-fringed draperies, lights and flowers, the coffin hidden beneath wreaths and bouquets, and the funeral car (the same which was employed at the interment of the Duc de Morny) drawn by six splendidly-caparisoned horses, led by *pageants*. Opera stars sang the choral parts of the service, and fourteen mourning-Lachens. A mass was also celebrated at M. Blanc, which was attended by more than two thousand people. M. Blanc's fortune exceeded \$17,000,000. Large charitable bequests are made, \$200,000 to the church where he was buried, \$100,000 to the infirm priests of Marie Theresa, a like gift to the *Clap* of la Grande Rouquette, \$80,000 to the poor of the First Arrondissement, and so on. The will was made in Switzerland a few days before his death, and paid \$40,000 legacy duty.

HORSES IN EUROPE.

Russia leads all over nations to the number of its horses. In 1876 she had 21,570,000 horses, or more than all Europe besides, and sixty per cent more than are owned in the United States. Compared with other countries, Russia has one horse for every three and a half persons, Austria one for every ten, Prussia and Great Britain one for every eleven, France one for every twelve, and Italy one for every thirty. Far back in the history of Russia the raising of horses has always formed a notable branch of national industry. The government of Russia devotes special attention to the encouragement of horse breeding. There are no less than twelve imperial studs, of which nine are in Europe and three in the Caucasus; there are also fourteen fourteen government depots and country stables spread over the Empire, each having from 60 to 150 stallions for public use, besides which are about 2,500 private studs that own 6,500 stallions and 69,000 brood

arise for our horses. Already Canada has inaugurated the shipment of large numbers of fine draft horses, which meet with a quick and remunerative sale in Great Britain. The class of stock which may eventually be needed abroad is the horse of good weight, strong in limbs, full of endurance, hardy and muscular. Certainly no inducement exists either at home or abroad for the average farmer to waste his time and opportunities in breeding trotting horses, but let his attention be devoted to rearing serviceable farm and draft horses, good family and carriage horses, and he will make far better profits and meet with far less disappointments in the long run.—*American Cultivator*

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. W. B. Wells, Jr., of Chatham, recently had shipped to him from London a Rice-lake dug-out for duck hunting on the river and flats.

The Belleville Chess Club has been re-organized.

A New York dispatch of the 6th inst. says:—A special agent of the Post Office has detected passing through the mails circulars of a swindling concern, styled the Second Royal Dominion Gift Concert, offering \$250,000 in prizes, to take place at St. Stephen, N.B., on Nov. 30th. The Canadian Post Office authorities have been notified.

The hogs in some parts of the Ottawa Valley have been attacked with a disease similar to distemper, and are dying in large numbers. Between fifty and sixty have died in and around Hull within the past couple of days. The continued hot weather is supposed to be the cause of the disease.

A novel form of sport has been lately introduced among the dog fanciers of San Francisco (dog swimming). The course is from Rock Island to Long Bridge, and the winning dog is decorated with a silver collar. At a late match, the victor, a great black dog, bore the euphonious name of Pedestrian Jimmy.

There is a wonderful boy sharp-shooter in Lebanon, Pa. Though only eleven years old he has shot thirty out of thirty-one glass balls thrown from a spring-trap at a distance of thirty yards. His name is George Zerfoos. He has an elder brother who is also a remarkable shot. Jointly they recently succeeded in hitting sixty balls out of sixty-two.

A CURIOSITY.

Wm. Armstrong of Ermosa, owns a six months old calf, which is quite a freak of nature in its way, and has puzzled more than one learned head. The heart of the animal is situated immediately under the jaw and throat, where it is suspended, a large lump in the skin. The pulsations of the heart can be distinctly seen and felt, and the calf, which is apparently as healthy and playful as any other, does not seem to suffer any inconvenience from the somewhat unique distribution of its internal improvements, beyond an inability to keep its head straight, owing to the deformity of the neck. Three medical men have examined the calf, and pronounced it extraordinary, but do not know exactly what to make of it.



Brockville, Ont.

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September 24, 25, & 26, 1877.

FIRST DAY.

\$100. Trotting. 2:50 class. \$70, 20, 10.
\$125.—Hurdle Race, handicap, 2 miles, 8 hurdles, 5 ft. 6 in. Weights announced Sept. 22nd.

SECOND DAY.

\$50.—Trotting. For local horses.
\$100.—Trotting. 2:35 class. \$70, 20, 10.

THIRD DAY.

\$100.—Running. Mile heats. T.O.W. \$75, 25.



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\$200. 3:40 class. \$120, 40, 25, 15.
\$300. 2:37 class. \$175, 60, 40, 25.
\$150. Running. Dash of a mile and a half. Open to all horses owned in Canada, (bar Bill Bruce and Inspiration). T.C.W., Ontario bred horses allowed 10 lbs. \$100, 85, 15.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

\$200. 2:40 class. \$120, 40, 25, 15.
\$300. 2:30 class, (bar St. Patrick). \$175, 60, 40, 25.
\$200. Running. Dash of one mile and a half. T.C.W. For Dominion-breds. \$150, 80, 30.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

\$300. 2:34 class, (bar St. Patrick). \$175, 60, 40, 25.
\$100. Running. Dash of a mile. Open to all Dominion-breds allowed 10 lbs. \$90, 10.
\$150. Steeplechase. Dominion half-breds, (bar Grey Cloud). Handicap, top weight 160 lbs. Over the usual steeplechase course. \$100, 30, 20.
\$150. Running. Open to all. Dash of one mile and a quarter. Weights—3 years, 131 lbs; 4 years, 146 lbs; 5 years and upwards, 152 lbs; Dominion-breds allowed 7 lbs; gentlemen riders allowed 5 lbs. \$100, 30, 20.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

\$400. Trotting. Free-for-all. \$200, 100, 60, 40.
\$200. Steeplechase. Open to all. About two-and-a-half miles. Handicap, top weight 160 lbs. \$140, 40, 20.
\$275. Running. Dash of two-and-a-quarter miles. Open to all. Handicap, top weight 123 lbs. \$200, 50, 25.
\$200. Running. Half-mile heats. Dominion-breds, (bar Maritime). T.O.W. \$150, 80, 20.

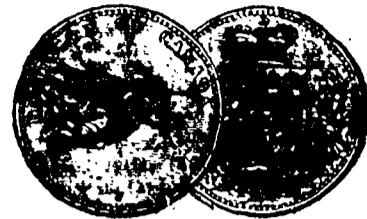
RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Dominion Rules to govern.
Trotting to be mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
Entrance 10 per cent. of purse, and must accompany nominations. Entries by telegraph to be followed by letter containing entry fee. Half-forfeit in handicaps if declared out by 10 o'clock of the morning of the race. No conditional entries. 40 per cent. of first money for a walk-over. Horses to be eligible at close of entries.
No money to distanced or ruled-out horses.
Entries to be made in writing, giving name and colors of owner, and name, color, sex, age, sire and dam of horse. In weight for age races, mares and geldings allowed three pounds. Heats may be alternated, or the order of races changed. Ineligible horses forfeit entrance money.
Entries close on Friday, September 7, and must be addressed to the Secretary, Turf Club House, 40 King St., West., Toronto.
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