

Horse Notes.

DEATH of Mr. C. W. Youree. This gentleman, a well known turfman in the South west, died at his home, near Gallatin, Tenn., on the 18th ult.

A Mr. St. ... A correspondent in an English paper tells the following remarkable story. A mule was shipped from Gibraltar and the vessel it was in was wrecked some days after on Cape St. Vincent. The marvellous part of the yarn is, that about a fortnight after the vessel was wrecked the mule found its way all round from the Cape the distance being about 170 miles, and reappeared at his own stable in Gibraltar.

PREAKNESS.—The good old son of Lexington and Bayleaf is advertised for sale by private contract in England. As he is a very strong muscular horse with great bone, and had a fine turn of speed, he would no doubt suit many English mares. In addition to the Boston blood in Lexington there are the English crosses of Emilius, Dick Andrews, and Benborough, through Sarpedon, who got Lexington's dam. Then again, Bayleaf, dam of Preakness and many other fine runners, were English in blood, being by imported Yorksire out of the imported mare Maria Black, by Filla du Puta. The joining of these famous old strains with their like, by union between Preakness and English mares would result in good.

THE MAMBRINO GIFT-JIM FISK MATCH.—The proposed match for \$1,000 between the trotting stallions Jim Fisk and Mambrino Gift, which had been arranged to take place on Oct. 24, at Hamtramck course, Detroit, was postponed. This was due to a bad day and track. Since then a controversy has been going on relative to what constitutes a good day and track. Mr. Willits the owner of Fisk, in a communication says: "My horse is here, and ready to trot this race as per agreement the first day there is a fair track for this time of the year, or I will trot it either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of next week, snow, rain or mud." Mr. Willits suggests that it is the duty of the Gift party to be on the track the first day there is a good track, and if Fisk fails to be ready to trot, they should have judges on hand, trot Gift around the track and claim the money. This he says is what he shall do if Mambrino Gift does not appear. And thus the matter rests.

VIGIL.

Vigil was bred by Mr. M. H. Sanford, at his Preakness Stud Farm, in Kentucky. He is by Vigil (son of Vandal and Hymenia, by imp. Yorkshire), dam Rogan, by Lexington; second dam Lorette, by imp. Sovereign; third dam Mary Ogden, by Thornhill (son of imp. Science and imp. Pickle, by Emilius); fourth dam Mary Thomas, by imp. Consul; fifth dam Parrot, by Randolph's Roanoke; sixth dam Paroquet by imp. Merryfield, seventh dam John Randolph's imp. mare, by Popinjay, out of Bourbon's dam, by Precipitate, etc. He was purchased at Mr. Sanford's sale in 1874 by Mr. James A. Grinstead, for \$210. He subsequently sold him in 1876 for \$600 to Colonel D. McDaniel, who sold him, together with the Brother to Vigil, to Messrs P. Dwyer & Brother for \$25,000. Vigil began his winning career at Saratoga, in a mile and a quarter dash, for maidens, when he beat Courier, Paladin and Jesse C., in 2:18; which he followed up by winning the Summer Handicap, a mile and three-quarters, won, with 91 lbs., he beat Mattie A., 4 years old, at 107 lbs.; Invoice, 4 years old, at 104 lbs., and Warlock, 3 years old, at 94 lbs. He was next beaten twice, in a mile and a quarter, by Phadamanthas, when he had the worst of the weights, after which he won a mile and three-quarters in 3:11, when, with 102 pounds, he beat Athlete, 2 years old, at 90 lbs.; Lelaps, 4 years old, at 111 lbs., and the Grey Nun, 4 years old, at 106 lbs. At the recent Jerome Park race he won a mile and a half from Invoice and Preston at weights for age, in 2:40, which he followed up by winning the Grand Handicap, two miles and a quarter, in 4:11, when, with 100 lbs up, he beat James A., 4 years old, at 108 lbs.; Big Sandy, 4 years old, at 109 lbs.; Shylock, aged, at 112 lbs.; and many others. At 110 lbs., and Sunday, 3 years old, at 95 lbs. This established his ability to go a distance, and as he followed up by winning a mile and a half at weights for age, from Athlete, Invoice and Preston, in 3:40, he at once became the favorite for the Breckenridge Stake at Baltimore, the presumption being that his brother to Bassett would win the Day St. Ke. Hew Vigil won that event is well known. Vigil has won for his owners in the last season, over \$15,000.

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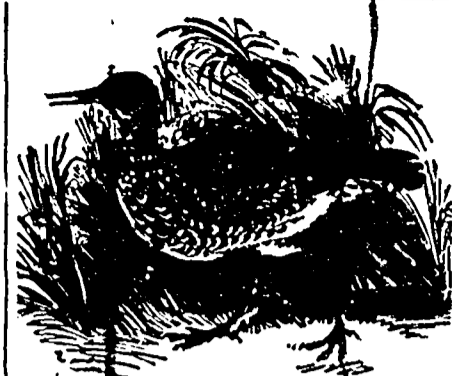
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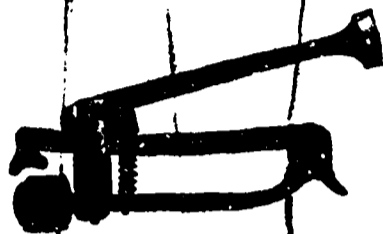
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