

that he was a staunch trotter, and a getter of admirable horses, there is no doubt, giving splendid action to his get. Still, it must be admitted that, admirable as was Bellfounder himself, his get was not equal to the descendants of Messenger in all that constitutes speed, endurance and action.

Durac also became a valuable factor in our trotting blood. His strain of blood appears in the Medley's, Durac Messenger's, Mambrino Chief's and Gold Dust's.

One of the sub-families of Messenger's blood, Hambletonian, who united the blood of Messenger and Bellfounder, has raised the trotting horse of America to the highest point of perfection. He was not a handsome horse from a thoroughbred standpoint, if indeed he was thoroughbred, which has been doubted. It has been given as follows:

Hambletonian was by Abdallah; he by Mambrina, a son of Messenger. The dam of Abdallah, the mare Amazonia. The dam of Hambletonian by imported Bellfounder; second dam by Hambletonian; third dam, Silvertail, said to have been by imported Messenger.

In all that constitutes stoniness and ability to perform, in freedom from tendency to disability, his stock has been wonderful. Noted for immense and strong joints, length and strength of bone, magnificent muscular development, prominent, square, massive build, mighty hips and excellent barrel, all knit together to form a most admirable frame, united to a nervous constitution, that reproduced itself in his descendants, in a most wonderful degree.

In relation to the descendants of the progenitors of the strain of trotting blood, Mr. H. T. Helm, of Chicago, a breeder of good horses, and a close student in horse history, in his work, "American Roadsters and Trotting Horses," says of the the trotting horse of to-day: "The combined Abdallah-Bellfounder is a horse of the teens: "Goldsmith Maid, 2:14; Dexter, 2:17 1-4; Gloster, 2:17; Bodine, 2:19 1-4; St. Julien, 2:22 1-2; Gazelle, 2:21; Fullerton, 2:18; Mountain Boy, 2:20 3-4; Jay Gould, 2:21 1-2; Nettie, 2:18; Startle, —. Joe Elliot would in his opinion, have probably stood as a bright star in the firmament." We can add to this our own opinion as a breeder of descendants of Messenger and Bellfounder many years ago, that we never had a disappointing colt. They were mighty driving horses, of great bone, muscle and sinew, of great lung power, and of course of great endurance. Of some of the truly great descendants of this blood, the authority previously quoted says:

#### GOLDSMITH MAID,

The Queen of the Trotting Turf, was foaled in 1857, and is now nineteen years old. She was bred by John D. Decker, of Sussex county,

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