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THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

*Ventilation, Sanitary Regulations—
Use of Blankets while Cooling the Horse—
Shedding the Coat—Cruel Uses of the
Horse—Heat Races and Evil Effects—
Accidents.*

[From the Spirit of the Times].

It is a fact that horses trained at the tracks above mentioned may not be much affected in cold weather when they remain only a few weeks in the stable, or may not be affected so much as those reared by their trainers, but let them remain all summer, and the poisonous effects of the weather upon both boys and horses

are many causes of disease mentioned above. If a horse is stalled under a shed in summer thus, the ammonia which is absorbed through the skin and through the lungs through the treatment will make the horse

and will be intelligent to the biology of the horse. The horse is a noble animal of creation, and we should remember that he sprang from nature, and therefore, in domestication, he may deteriorate, unless he is treated in accordance with the just laws. In order to do so every man should be taught, who uses the horse in any way, whether thoroughbred or not, over the course, through the country, under the saddle, as a hack, or to harness, that if he wishes to preserve in full vigor, for a long time, the fangs and the legs, the muscles and the cords, he must neither clip nor blanket him, but should provide him with a good stall, large and roomy, and keep it reasonably filled with oat, wheat, or rye straw, where the horse can lie down and rest his weary limbs, where he can roll and scratch himself at will, and enjoy it, and, if he is a valuable horse, he deserves this enjoyment. If watered and well-fed, he will come out of his stall next morning refreshed and reinvigorated, ready to perform, with promptness, any reasonable task; but if a horse, after severe work of any kind, is tied up in a narrow stall, so short that he cannot lie down, or if large enough to allow this, upon

meat the demands of nature, and resist attacks from exposure to the atmosphere which he was destined to breathe.

When he sheds his coat nature has so wisely arranged it that he sheds it by degrees, taking from six to seven weeks to get rid of the old coat. During that time the new coat has formed, and thus nature continues her work of protection until old age comes on, and the vital fire of youthful blood cools down, and then he but seldom sheds, because the coat of long hair is a necessary protection from cold to the thin blood and shrinking muscle incident to declining years. Sir Archy did not shed during the last three years of his life. So it will be seen that nature has arranged all things wisely. When horses shed off in the fall for the first time the hair is then shorter, apparently, than at any period of the year, but this is only apparently so. Cool nights prevail about that time and the hair stands erect and the body appears to be almost naked. Sympathizing persons, although opposed to using clothing upon the horse, think they ought to have a little covering until the hair grows out. This is a mistake, for the hair must be exposed to the air to make it grow. If the horse is clothed during the time he is shedding and the use of clothing continued until he is turned out or let up, he will have very short hair and too light a coat to protect him, and result in the necessity for clothing him the remainder of the winter. If he had not been clothed in the fall his hair would have grown long and would have protected him from cold during the winter. The Canadian pony, bred in latitude 45 deg. or 46 deg., and the Shetland pony bred in latitude 53 deg. have hair four inches long, which is necessary to protect them in these bleak cold countries, which shows that nature provides suitable protection for all animals in all climates.

Although the thoroughbred racehorse, under the guiding influence of man, has become the noblest animal of creation, we should remember that he sprang from nature, and therefore, in domestication, he may deteriorate, unless he is treated in accordance with the just laws. In order to do so every man should be taught, who uses the horse in any way, whether thoroughbred or not, over the course, through the country, under the saddle, as a hack, or to harness, that if he wishes to preserve in full vigor, for a long time, the fangs and the legs, the muscles and the cords, he must neither clip nor blanket him, but should provide him with a good stall, large and roomy, and keep it reasonably filled with oat, wheat, or rye straw, where the horse can lie down and rest his weary limbs, where he can roll and scratch himself at will, and enjoy it, and, if he is a valuable horse, he deserves this enjoyment. If watered and well-fed, he will come out of his stall next morning refreshed and reinvigorated, ready to perform, with promptness, any reasonable task; but if a horse, after severe work of any kind, is tied up in a narrow stall, so short that he cannot lie down, or if large enough to allow this, upon

English Guff.

LIVERPOOL—THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP.

AUSTERLITZ THE WINNER.

The principal event of the Liverpool Spring Meeting, on Friday, 22nd ult., the Grand International Steeplechase Handicap, was won by Mr. F. G. Hobson's ch h Austerlitz. This event, which is regarded as the most important cross-country event of the year, closed with 62 subscribers, 15 of which declared out. There were 16 starters, with Shifnal and Chimney Sweep as favorites at 6 to 1 against them, neither of whom got a place. The odds against Austerlitz was 10 to 1, Congress, who finished second, rating at 20 to 1, and Liberator, who finished third, at 25 to 1.

LIVERPOOL, March 23—The Grand National Steeplechase Handicap Sweepstakes, at £25 each, 15 forfeit, and 6 only if declared out by noon of Jan. 23, with £500 added, the second to receive £100, and the third to save his stake, winners of any steeplechase after the weights were announced, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m., to carry 6 lbs.; of one of the value of £200, 7 lbs.; of £300, 10 lbs.; of £1,000, 12 lbs. extra. Closed with 62 subscribers, 15 of whom declared out, Grand National course, nearly four miles and a half.

F G Hobson's ch h Austerlitz, 5 yrs, by Ratanplan, dam Lufra, by Windhound, 148 lbs. 1
Capt Machell's br g Congress, aged, by Compromise, dam Countess, by Slane, 175 lbs. 2
Mr Moore's br g The Liberator, aged, by Dan O'Connell, dam Mary O Toole, 153 lbs. 3
John Nightingale's br h Shifnal, aged, by Saccarometer, dam Countess Amy, 159 lbs. 0
Lord M Beresford's br g Chimney Sweep, aged (half-bred), by Planet, 153 lbs. 0

Austerlitz was bred by Lord Scarborough, and was sired by Ratanplan, dam Lufra (dam of Lowlander), by Windhound; 2nd dam Mand, by Loup Garou, &c. Although always regarded as a promising young horse, Austerlitz never succeeded in capturing any event of note until he landed the Grand National. He has, however, developed finely, and will be likely to prove a dangerous adversary in many of the prominent cross-country events to follow.

Ferrousse.

LONDON

The Trigger.

SHOOTING AT ST. CATHERINES.

The seventh annual tournament, under the auspices of the St. Catharines' Pigeon Shooting Club, terminated very successfully. Owing to the unfavorable weather, the number of entries was not as numerous as was anticipated. Forty shooters participated for the honors. The following is the summary:—

SQUAD 1.

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| Fulton, Niagara Falls..... | 1110010111— 7 |
| Woodruff, St. Catharines .. | 1011111100— 7 |
| Pierre, Niagara Falls..... | 1111111111—10 |
| Isaac, Niagara Falls..... | 1111111111—10 |
| Nichols, Syracuse, N.Y..... | 1111011111— 9 |
| Manning, Syracuse, N.Y..... | 0111111111— 9 |

SQUAD 2.

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| McIntosh, Thorold..... | 1111011111— 9 |
| Zip Dalton, St. Catharines .. | 1111111111—10 |
| Dunfield, Niagara Falls.... | 0111111010— 7 |
| H Connor, Syracuse, N.Y..... | 1101111111— 9 |
| D Woodruff, St. Davids.... | 1101110011— 7 |
| Middleton, Stratford..... | 1111110011— 8 |

SQUAD 3.

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| McKay, Hamilton..... | 1111111111—10 |
| Bosson, St. Catharines..... | 0111111111— 9 |
| Doc Schryer, Ft. Erie..... | 1111110011— 8 |
| J Christian, Ft. Erie..... | 1011011111— 8 |
| Walker, Niagara Falls..... | 1111011111— 8 |

SQUAD 4.

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| Mummary, London..... | 0110111 retired |
| Kemper, Syracuse, N.Y..... | 10011 retired |
| Atcher, Stratford..... | 0111101001— 6 |
| Barrett, Toronto..... | 1111111011— 9 |
| Dawson, St. Catharines..... | 1111100111— 8 |
| A May, St. Catharines..... | 111100 retired |

SQUAD 5.

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Webster, Toronto..... | 1101101101— 7 |
| J Glenn, London..... | 0111111011— 8 |
| G Rogers, St. Catharines.... | 1111111111—10 |
| Leahy, Syracuse, N.Y..... | 000 retired. |
| H Jones, Buffalo..... | 1111111111—10 |
| F Pierson, Pittsburgh, Pa.... | 0101 retired |

SQUAD 6.

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| Spence, St. Catharines..... | 1111111110— 9 |
| F Reid, St. Catharines..... | 01011 retired |
| Finch..... | 110 retired |
| Parnell, St. Catharines..... | 1111111111—10 |
| Grobb, St. Catharines..... | 10 retired |
| Nixon, St. Catharines..... | 10 retired |

Athletic.

Mr. J. L. O'Conner, of Oakville, Ont., is out with a challenge to jump any man in Ontario, three consecutive jumps for \$1,000, the trial to take place any time this summer. It would have looked a little more like business if Mr. O.C. had accompanied his challenge with a hundred or two.

Weston and O'Leary, the American pedestrians, commenced their six days' walk for \$10,000 at London, Eng., on Monday, at noon.

Another fatal football accident has occurred in England. A few days since, during the progress of a game at Stroud, Mr. Holloway, one of the players, received a blow which, for a time, he seemed to feel severely. On re-suming play, he became faint, and died shortly after being removed from the field.

A series of football matches is under contemplation by the Football Association, when a challenge cup will be competed for. The first match is likely to take place about the 5th of May between McGill and the Argonauts of Toronto. The McGill team will be about the same as opposed Harvard last year.

Billiards.

TOURNAMENT AT UTICA.

The following are the winners at the Utica tournament, which closed on March 27. John Bevinger of New York, first money, \$300, Theo. J. Gallagher of Cleveland, second money, \$250, William Barleigh of Kalamazoo, third money, \$150, Jacob Schaefer of New York, fourth money, \$125, Eugene Carter of Toledo, fifth money, \$75. Mr. Bevinger also wins the Colman gold mounted cup for the best general average.

The following is the order in which the various players stood at the conclusion of the tourney.

| | Won | Lost | Score | Gen. Ave. |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|------------|
| Bevinger..... | 4 | 1 | 1,473 | 13 23 35 |
| Gallagher..... | 4 | 1 | 1,280 | 10 19 63 |
| Barleigh..... | 3 | 2 | 1,225 | 8 37 111 |
| Schaefer..... | 2 | 3 | 1,431 | 11 111 123 |
| Carter..... | 1 | 4 | 1,125 | 7 128 141 |
| Knight..... | 1 | 4 | 1,218 | 8 21 75 |

Mr. Sam Davidson is the first to have won the agreement of the International Billiard Union of Hamilton.