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METEOR BY ASTEROID AND METEOR BY THUNDER.

Some seven weeks ago we incidentally alluded to Minnie Meteor as having been sired by Meteor the son of Thunder, whereas we should have said "Meteor by Asteroid." The mistake was a very easy one to make, as there was no trace of Minnie Meteor in the Stud Book, and even the importation of her dam Lady Glasgow was not recorded. To make matters still worse, while the Canadian-bred Meteor (by Thunder) and Meteor by Asteroid were both in the Stud Book, there was nothing in the record to show that the latter had been brought into Canada. In the absence of any proof to the contrary, we adopted the theory that appeared the probable one and gave the pedigree of the mare accordingly. Before any newspaper had called attention to the error, and just two weeks after it appeared, it was corrected in our own columns. Under these circumstances any one might have supposed that the matter would have been allowed to rest, but it has come to light again in a somewhat singular manner. It happened in this wise:—

A sporting contemporary said in its "Answers to Correspondents" that Passion's dam

was "by Sympathy, *he* by Scythian." One of the morning dailies corrected this error, and another, (*The World*) corrected a second error in the same column of answers, the blunder last referred to being if possible even more idiotic than the one we have quoted.

With much more assurance than honesty, our sporting contemporary tried to make out that the blunder was merely a typographical one, but had he not tried to drag us into the quarrel we should not have taken any notice of his clumsy falsehoods. Not satisfied however with disgracing journalism generally by excusing his blunder with what he must have known to be a falsehood, he alludes to the mistake that was made and corrected in THE CANADIAN BREEDER more than a month ago, and coolly says that he will "inform" us that Minnie Meteor is by Meteor, a son of Asteroid. Now the odds are ten to one that the writer of this impertinence learned all that he ever knew about the pedigree of Minnie Meteor from a copy of THE CANADIAN BREEDER some five weeks old. We are quite willing to take all the responsibility of having made an error as to the pedigree of an unregistered mare, the story of whose breeding must necessarily be a matter of hearsay. A correspondent who has forgotten more about horse pedigrees than the editor of the "One-dollar-entry-fee" Canadian Stud Book ever knew about any subject wrote us, calling our attention to the error, and it was corrected. If our contemporary knew that the first statement of Minnie Meteor's pedigree was wrong why did he not say so before our own correction was more than a month old?

Now let us look at the means this man employs to blind his readers as to the truth regarding his own blunder. He says:—"Last week in our 'Answers to Correspondents' we published the pedigree of the bay mare Passion as by Red Eye, dam by Sympathy. The question only came to hand on the eve of going to press, and when set up the paragraph was emptied into the form without passing through the hands of the proof reader. To have been correct the word 'by' before Sympathy should have been left out, so as to have read *dam Sympathy.*"

This of course would lead the reader to believe that the inadvertent insertion of the word "by" before "Sympathy" was the only error in the paragraph to which he refers, and on the strength of this he has the effrontery to say:—"To an ordinary mind the cause—a typographical error—was plainly evident."

Now, to show the essential dishonesty of giving to readers such a statement, it is only necessary to quote the original answer. It reads as follows:—

"Enquirer, city.—The bay mare Passion, by Red Eye dam, by Sympathy, *he* by Scythian (imp), is owned by Mr. T. Fairbanks, the well-known breeder of Chatham, Ont."

Let the reader strike out the word "by" before "Sympathy" and how much of an improvement will be effected?

It would then read, "The bay mare Passion, by Red Eye, dam Sympathy, *he* by Scythian."

Does the editor of the Canadian Stud Book purpose electrifying the breeding world by the introduction into that precious volume of a race of mares of the masculine gender? Or is he trying to hide his ignorance of the breeding of a well-known registered thoroughbred like Passion behind a paltry and very transparent falsehood? Our contemporary may have been very successful in imposing upon the credulity of too confiding friends in times that are past and gone, but really he is asking too much when he goes so far as to say his blunder about Passion's pedigree was a typographical error.

To show how much confidence we have in the honesty of our contemporary we will make him an offer. He says that some one in Ottawa lost ten dollars by betting on the information he obtained from THE CANADIAN BREEDER about the pedigree of Minnie Meteor. We do not believe this, and to prove that we do not, we will make the following proposal: If the winner and loser of this wager will come forward and make a statement of the case that will satisfy the President and Secretary of the Ottawa Trotting Association that any such bet was ever made on the strength of what appeared in THE CANADIAN BREEDER, and afterward lost and paid, we will make good the ten dollars.