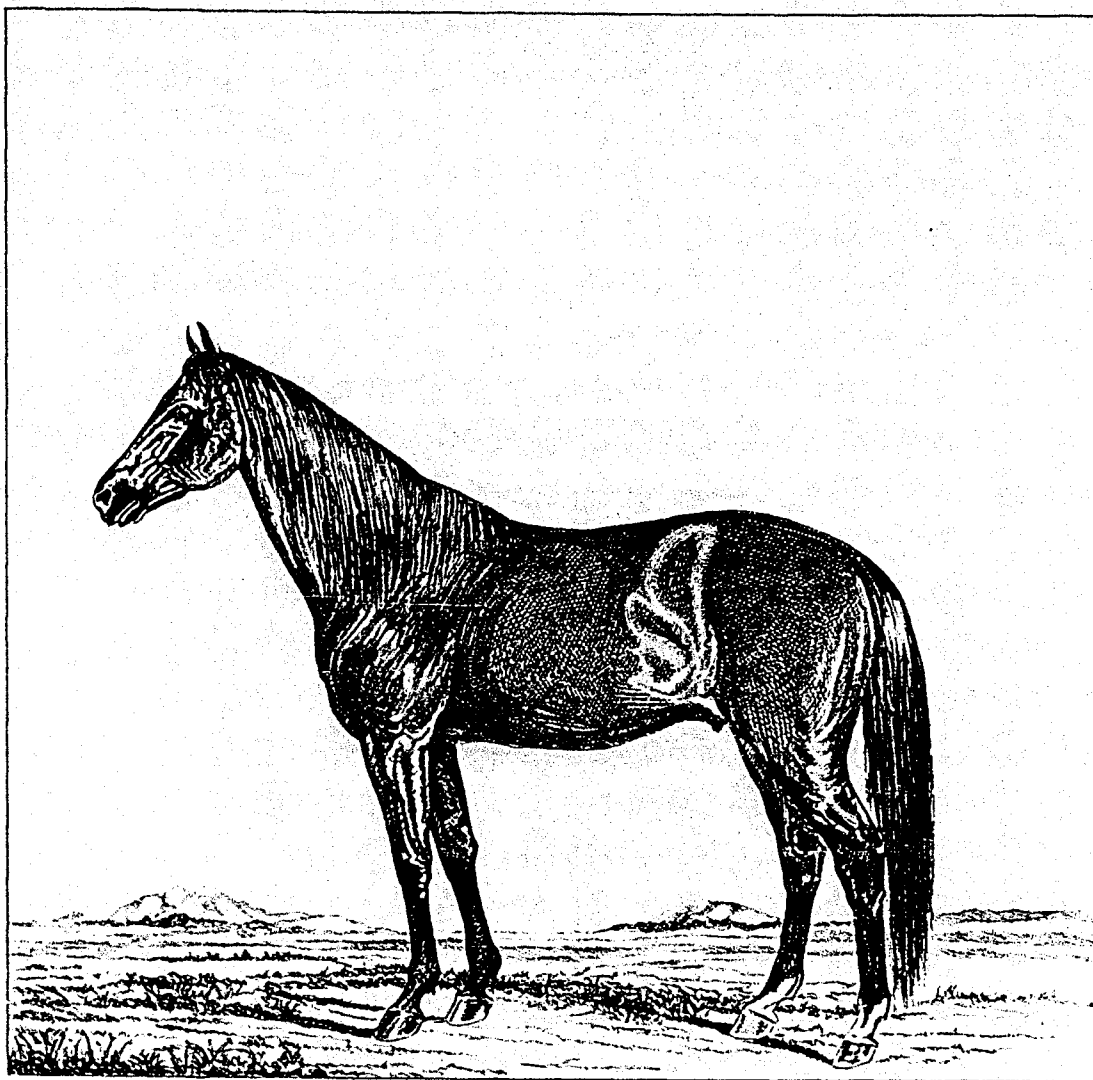


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STORMONT STOCK AND TRAINING FARM.

That "blood will tell" is now generally acknowledged, and there are few who will not admit that the man who in any way helps to improve the breed of any of the domesticated animals is entitled to praise. If he who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, is held up a public benefactor, surely the same proud title must be given him who devotes time and money to the work of improving the stock of a locality. In forming an estimate of a rural community the quality of the stock may be accepted as an eloquent guide. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, due likely to exceptional circumstances, but it will mostly be found that in those sections of country where attention is paid to breeding, other things are not neglected—the observer will generally find good roads, good houses, good barns, good fields and crops. The work of improving the stock of a locality of course takes some time, but it is a work that, though slow, is sure, and the good results are inestimable and wide-spreading. The almost fabulous sums paid for famous horses, bulls, cows &c., sufficiently indicate how fully this fact is recognized. It is our task to-day to draw attention to what is being done in this direction at the Stormont Stock and Training Farm situated one mile east of Cornwall, fronting on the Grand Trunk Railway. The proprietors, Messrs. D. & J. Bergin, have gone into the business heartily, and while they take pleasure in developing the enterprise, they also believe there ought to be money in it. They have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. B. Young, an experienced trainer from Kentucky, who resides on the premises. The site is a pretty one, sheltered from the north by a thick bush; the various buildings are neat, commodious and substantial. The stable contains thirteen loose boxes 12 x 10, two ditto 20 x 16, and four roomy stables. The centre space is 80 feet long and 12 feet wide.

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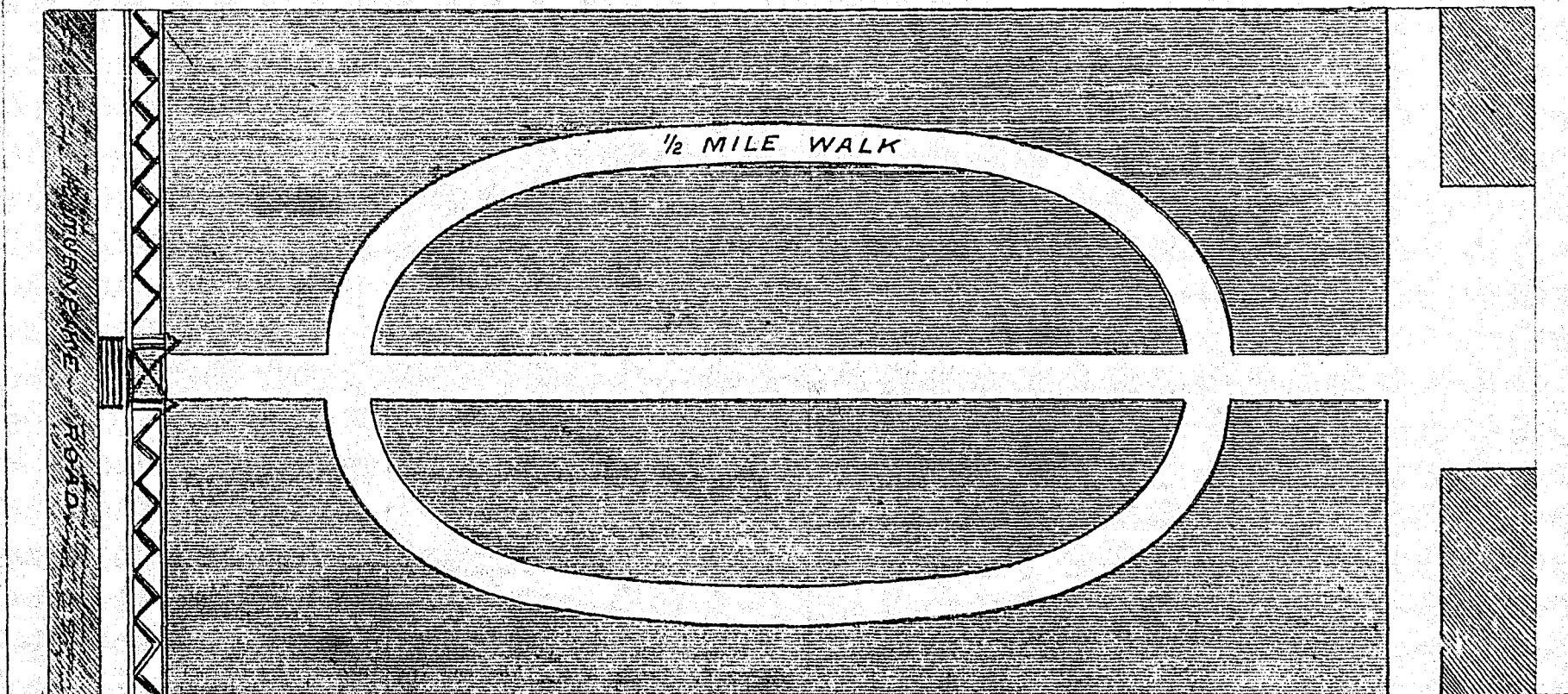


MIDWAY, PROPERTY OF MESSRS. BERGIN.

Lighting, ventilation and drainage have been carefully attended to. Above the stable the floor is divided into compartments for various kinds of feed, the oats, bran, &c., being under control of the stable hands by means of wooden conductors. In the building there is a force pump capable of throwing streams over the flagstaff. In the front portion of the estate there is an excellent half-mile track, strictly private and used only for training purposes. Messrs. Bergin own two famous stallions "Ringwood" and "Midway." A glowing description of the former with portrait was given a few months ago in *The Spirit of the Times*. "Ringwood" is described as "a horse of grand presence, a model of equine beauty and of power, a style and carriage 'at both ends,' to use the phrase of Dr. Kerr, the Nestor of Kentucky breeders, not surpassed by any horse in the country; action even and true, with the smoothness, power, and regularity of a Corliss engine; afraid of nothing, full of ambition, perfectly broken, of the kindest disposition, he is the very *beau ideal*, the *ne plus ultra* of an American trotter and gentleman's roadster. "Ringwood" combines in the most direct descent the blood of "Messenger," of "Grand Bashaw," and of "Diomed," the fathers of those great trotting families the Hambletonians, the Mambrinos, the Bashaws, the Clays and the Stars. What may we not expect from such a sire?

"Midway" is a brown colt, bred by General Whithers, of Lexington, Ky.; 15 hands 3½ inches high; foaled April, 1874. No trotting horse in this country is so closely allied to the Queens of the Trotting Turf, Goldsmith Maid and Lady Thorne, as is Midway. Back of his dam, he belongs to the stoutest and fastest running families that ever trod the American turf.

It is predicted by horsemen that the Blake Pool Bill will strike a severe blow at the raising of fine stock. The Bill is not yet in force, but as the Messrs. Bergin have invested over \$40,000 in their farm, they are naturally somewhat anxious to know how the enactment will work.



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