

on Sept. 11, only one day out of this important ten, Mr. Vanderbilt drove his double team, Small Hopes and Lady Mac, a mile in 2:23, which, though not a technical record, is a perfectly authenticated performance, and eclipses all others. This month of September 1877, will ever be memorable in the trotting world. Wonders have followed so close upon each other's heels as almost to exhaust our capacities of wonder. If the old-time horsemen could be resurrected for an hour, and restored to a mortal condition, we can imagine the stupefaction which would overpower their senses when they heard the recital of these achievements. Warren Peabody would feebly shake a skeptical head, and dear old Hiram Woodruff would sigh, and say: "Let me go back; this world is too fast for me." But progress in trotting, it seems, can be hindered by nothing, neither ghosts nor croakers; breeders are intelligent and wide awake, rivalry is keen, and experience of the past should teach us that, while the world wags, advances will be made in this as in other art races. No record of a trotter is so grand that a grander is not bound to supersede it; although we are fain to confess that that 2:14 is very obstinate.

One thing cannot fail to strike us when noting the deeds of that illustrious ten days. In the two more important reductions in records, those for the three-year-olds, and under saddle are comparatively infrequent—rare both taken from colts bred in the South-west and placed to the credit of Eastern bred youngsters; and while the obliterated records were both made at Lexington, Ky., the fresh ones were achieved at Hartford, Conn. The crown passes from the luxuriant low grass regions of Kentucky, to the sterile fields of Yankee land. But the friendly conflict between the rival sections on this point is irrepressible. Temporarily, the victory rests with the North and East, but how soon it may perch on the banners of the South and West, none can foresee. The time is sure to come, and Orange County and New England should be woe.

Another fact, to which attention has not been directed to our knowledge, and which may have escaped many observers, is the singular coincidence that three of the trotters whose noses have been put so rudely out of joint, Dexter, Lady Stout, and Eric, are owned by the same gentleman, Mr. Robert Bonner; besides which this extensive owner and breeder has been obliged to yield the palm to Mr. Vanderbilt for the double-team performance. In Mr. Bonner's stables there is now no animal with an unexcelled record. He may well exclaim, with Macduff, "What all my pretty chickens, and their dam, at one fell swoop!" But his spirit is as indomitable as his purse is long, and we predict that there will yet be stars of unequalled lustre at Tarrytown.—*Spirit of the Times.*

HORSES AT THE PROVINCIAL FAIR
(From the Mail.)
THOROUGHBREDS.

Mr. John Forbes, of Woodstock, may well feel proud of the laurels Vicksburg has won for him in competition with such a lot of thoroughbred stallions as was never before seen in a show ring in Canada. Vicksburg is in splendid form and never looked better than he does to-day. Judge Curtis, the magnificent son of Yorkshire, and winner of several prizes here, looks even better than ever, but as he has already been described in the Mail it is not necessary to repeat the description. Big Sandy, the winner of third prize, is a grand looking chestnut with four white feet and a blaze in the face. He unites the blood of imp. Australian and Lexington, and is one of the biggest and strongest thoroughbreds ever brought to Canada. Mr. W. Henry, of Stamford, shows that splendid son of War Dance, Major Macon, whose performances on the turf are too familiar to turfmen to need repetition. He is a rich chestnut with white hairs scattered through his coat, and has white hind feet and a blazed face. He is a grand looking horse

and is a worthy representative of her illustrious ancestors. She is a brown bay, large of her age, and though out of condition makes a fine appearance even now. To great development of bone and muscle she adds an elegant outline and compactness of build. In short she shows the race horse all over, and will doubtless prove herself a good one when she goes upon the turf. She is by Sir Joseph Hawley's Siderolite (son of Asteroid and Aphrodite by Bay Middleton) out of Tinted Venus (daughter of Macaroni and Beauty by Lanercost.)

Mr. John White, of Milton, shows nearly a dozen stylish and promising thoroughbreds. At the head of his stud stands the ever popular and successful race horse and sire Terror, whose fine points are so familiar to nearly every Canadian horseman that they need not be described here. Suffice it is to say that the veteran was never looking or feeling better.

Next perhaps in importance comes the yearling colt King Tom, by King Tom out of Annie Laurie. This is a colt such as is not often seen in any show ring. He is a bright chestnut with little or no white. He stands well up for a youngster of his age, and looks the race horse all over. He has a big bright eye standing prominently out of a short fox like head, a broad jaw, clean throat, a finely crested neck, not too long, a range of sloping shoulder, a deep room of chest, a large round barrel closely ribbed up toward the hip, a broad high loin of marvelous depth and strength, and such hind-quarters as were never seen on an animal of his inches. His legs, both fore and hind, are broad, clean, and flat, showing that wonderful weight of bone and tendon for which his great sire was distinguished. He stands up well on strong elastic pasterns, and in short he even now looks more like a race horse than some that have already been successful on the turf.

The famous Nettie by Kennett, Stolen Kisses by Copeck, and Nellie Lysle by Luther, are all shown with large, rakish looking foals by Terror, at foot. In addition to these Mr. White shows a number of very fine colts and fillies of various ages, among which are several that promise well for Queen's plate of 1878.

Mr. Peters, of London, shows among others Noral B., the Queen's Plate of 1876; King George, a short and powerful looking brown colt, three years old, by King Tom out of Lizzie Bagg; Tom King, two years old, by King Tom; a two-year old filly by King Tom out of Lizzie Bagg, and a yearling colt by Judge Curtis.

ROADSTERS &c.
The classification seems to have been manifestly deficient, however, in the "roadster" and "carriage" classes, the entries accepted in the former class having been limited to horses not over fifteen and a half hands high. Such a restriction as this excludes such splendid sires as Phil Sheridan, St. Joe, Highland Boy, and many others, and compels them to compete with large and stylish but moderate actioned horses like Lord Zeland that have been bred especially for coaching and carriage purposes. If a stallion sixteen hands high, with a record of 2:26½, is, on account of his size, not fit to be a sire of roadsters, it is well that breeders throughout the country should be made aware of the fact, as it is probable there are many trying to breed high class roadsters who never dreamed of such a thing. At all events it is a mockery to ask owners of first-class trotting stallions over fifteen hands and a half high to connect with coaching and carriage stallions. As well might Alderney cattle be made to compete with short-horns.

Mr. Wiser's Bysdyk has taken both first prize and diploma for best roadster stallion of any age.
Mr. T. C. Patteson, Eastwood, exhibited in the roadster class the black three-year-old filly Quadron, by Judge Curtis out of Negroes by rebel, and took third prize. The imported half-bred Banjo Charlie, already well known on the Canadian turf, is also here, and Mr. Patteson's two-year-old car-

THE TRIGGER AT MONTREAL.

The match between Mr. Popin, of Montreal, and Mr. Desautels, of Lepraire, was concluded on Wednesday of last week at Lepine Park, Montreal. The contestants tied in a match the week before, and this was the "shoot off" for \$200, 15 double birds, 18 yards rise, 80 yards boundary. Messrs. Wm. Armstrong and J. R. Boyce, of Montreal, and Mr. R. Havill, of Hudson, N.Y., were the judges. The following is the result of the match:—

Desautels—	10	10	10	11	10	11	11	11	11	
	10	10	10	11	11	10	22		
Popin—	10	10	11	11	11	10	11	10	10	
	10	10	10	11	11	21			

GAME CHICKENS.—The London Herald, in speaking of the display of game fowl at the recent exhibition in that city, says the games though in bad feather showed first-class points and breeding; but a number were under size and have been bred too fine. In the cock-pit times, far superior specimens were shown.

A TOUGH CUSTOMER.—An old pensioner named Edwards shot a large bear in Eldon, Co. Victoria, last week. When dressed and skinned his bearship weighed 450 lbs. In his body were found ten bullets, souvenirs of the numerous times he had been shot at. He has been seen in that vicinity on and off for the past five years.

CHANDLER'S JUMP.—Bell's Life says that Chandler's celebrated jump was, for years, erroneously given as 89 feet. The error was discovered within the last twelve months, the jump being 87 feet. It is, however, the best on record.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A TROTTER.—In the second heat of the 2:50 race at Island Park, Albany, the bay mare Louise, driven by William Moore, ruptured a blood vessel, just after passing the quarter pole, and fell dead. She was a valuable animal, and her death was greatly regretted. She was owned by Matt. Tanner.

A FAST FILLY.—The youngsters are making fast time nowadays, but Capt. George N. Stone, President of Chester Driving Park, Cincinnati, O., has a three-year-old, Maud S., by Alexander's Harold, dam by Pilot Jr., that he thinks ought to be counted in the front rank. Last week she was driven by her trainer, Mr. Bair, a half mile in 1:18½ without a skip, and she had been running out most of the season at that. She is a chestnut, without white, and stands 15½ hands.

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