

It is thought that a mile in 2:20 is not a very good form. The Sunday following the meeting she trotted a mile in 2:22, which was a remarkable performance when we remember the track is half-mile. The day after this wonderful trial she was shipped to Lexington, Ky., and during the meeting of the Horse-Breeder's Association at that place, the second week in October, she was a star of attraction. So she and Hot Jim also went on the grounds, and an effort was made to get up a race between the famous three-year-old and the two-year-old. The negotiations came to nothing, and, owing to the bad weather, neither Maud S. nor So was able to show a fast mile to the crowd during that week. A day was appointed the following week for trials of speed, but the weather continued bad, and the exhibit was postponed Wednesday, Oct. 23, was next selected for the public trials. Tuesday, the 22d, it was announced that Administrator would trot against his record of 2:23, and as the morning was soft and lively quite a number of gentlemen came out to the track. At twelve o'clock the sky became overcast, and it looked so much like rain that Mr. Bair decided to anticipate the arrival of Captain Stone and give Maud S. a mile before the storm again spoiled the track. When he came to the stand for the word a raw, chilling wind was fiercely blowing, and predictions were freely made that 2:23 would not be beaten. The last quarter mile was finished in 1:13, and the morning was bright and sunny. There was no lightning, no snow. Tuesday night Captain Stone arrived from Cincinnati and he drove to the house under drizzling skies. He told Bair to go the mare ready for shipment home, deeming it useless to remain in Lexington for another effort. Wednesday morning the sun came out bright, and we got into the carriage with Captain Stone to drive out to Dr. Herr's. During the drive Bair remarked that he had left Maud S. at the depot in charge of her groom, and that in an hour she would be on her way to Cincinnati. Turning to Captain Stone, we said: "You have waited nearly three weeks in Lexington waiting for a good day and track all of your appointments have been disastrous. If you think Maud S. can trot in 2:20, why not stop a few days longer. We have not had our season yet. It looks as if the storm had spent its strength, and as if bright, warm days were before us. You may honestly believe that Maud S. can beat Gov. Sprague's 2:21, but unless you permit her to do it you may talk until you are blind without making a cent of business out of it. These words seemed to make a deep impression upon him. Fortunately, there had been a detention of the trains, and so Maud S., with her luggage, was returned to her stable without difficulty. Had the trains been on time she would have been on her road to Cincinnati, and it is safe to say that 2:17 would not have been written on the blackboard. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were mild, hazy days, and the sun caused the track to dry up rapidly. In the morning Mr. Bair gave Maud S. a warning-up mile in 2:23, and some of the crowd cautiously remarked that he had trotted the mare—that the performance a public would not be better than 2:25. At 11 o'clock Captain Stone and a party of ladies and gentlemen arrived in Lexington from Cincinnati, and at half-past seven Maud S. was brought out for her great effort. The official time, Gen. James F. Robinson, the President of the Kentucky Association, Dr. L. Herr, Robert Ferguson and R. S. S. Baker, entered the stand. Bair, with full weight on, then jogged around the track three times, without one word around again, and started up his mare at the distance stand. He came to the wire at full speed, nodded for the word, and the hands of the watches began to move. There is a sharp turn in the first quarter, but the handsome chestnut filly flew around it and was at the pole in :33. On she went with Huras-like speed and was at the half in 1:06, a 2:12 gait. Now the pace began to slacken. The three-quarter pole was reached in 1:41, and down the home-straight she struggled under the whip, her head striking the shadow of the wire in 2:17. The numbers could scarcely believe their watches, but there it was—2:17. Gov. Sprague's four-year-old time was beaten 3/4 seconds, and by a mare short of work at that. The mile was badly driven, but as she went so strongly and without being spoken to the first half, Bair says he did not know she was making such havoc with the seconds. Besides, 2:17 was the fastest mile he had ever ridden. The first quarter was trotted at a 2:15 gait, the second quarter at a 2:11 gait, the third quarter at a 2:20 gait, and the fourth quarter at a 2:26 gait. Had the half mile been trotted in 1:08, the mare would have finished

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