

THE WORK OF TEN DAYS.

On the 12th day of September, at Lexington, Ky., the filly So-So, by George Wagon, won a race in which she trotted a second heat in 2:38. She was but two years old, and it was quickly noted that this performance erased from its place at the head of the record for trotters at this age the mile of Doble, made also at Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19, 1872, in 2:40. Little importance, comparatively, was attached to the performance of So-So, for the reason that the trotting of colts at her tender age, mile heats with full weights, is deprecated by the best breeders, is deemed unadvisable, and will never become popular. Forced plants are rarely, if ever, hardy, and such an achievement by a two-year-old is regarded like the overgrown head of a precocious child, as something marvellous, but, at the same time, a symptom of early decay. We trust that this will not prove so with So-So, but at present it is not our intention to dwell upon her performance, but to allude to it as the precursor of the more important obliteration of records which so speedily followed. On the 19th of September, at Hartford, the four-year-old filly Galatea, by Fernaught, snatched from Eric the honor of the fastest mile trotted by a colt of that age, which he had earned at Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19, 1876, with a record of 2:28, and she was not contented with a slight reduction in the figure, but lowered them nearly three seconds, the mark which four-year-olds must now aim to surpass being 2:25. The following day, Sept. 20, the three-year-old filly Elaine, by Messenger Duroc, spun around the Hartford track in 2:28, and Lady Stout, who at the same age, Oct. 1, 1874, had trotted her mile in 2:29, was duly retired to the rear platoon. This would seem to be enough in the erasure of records for a few days, but more was yet to come. Sept. 22, at Fletwood Park, Great Eastern, going under saddle, trotted a third heat in 2:15, casting entirely into the shade the 2:18 of Dexter, made at Buffalo, which, since August 18, 1865, has headed the record at this way of going. Thus, in a period of precisely ten days, we have seen eclipsed all former trotting performances by two-year-olds, three-year-olds, and under saddle. And it should not be forgotten that, 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 record of these achievements. Warren Fosbery would feebly shake a skeptical head, and an 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 by the querulousness of breeders, nor by the wise advice of spectators. It is keen, and experience of the past should teach us that, while the world wags, advances will be made in this as in other enterprises. 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. It is a thing cannot fail to strike as when it comes the deeds of that illustrious ten days. The two more important reductions in records, those for the three-year-olds, and under saddle, are comparatively infrequent and have been taken by a colt bred in the State of New York, and a filly bred in Eastern Pennsylvania, and while the latter record will well be made at Lexington, Ky., the former was achieved at Hartford, Conn. The record was passed in the last heat of a race between K. K. and the filly bred in Pennsylvania. That the filly could make two and a half miles in this time is unapproachable. Temporarily, the victory is with the North and East, but how soon they may give up the banners of the South, and West, none can foresee. The time is sure to come, and Orange County and New England should be on the look.

Another fact, to which attention has not been directed by our knowledge, and which may have escaped many observers, is the fact that in the three months of the trotting season, from the 1st of July to the 1st of

of great weight of bone and muscle, stands 16 hands high, and weighs 1,240 lbs.

Mr. John White, of Milton, has had the honor of carrying off the diploma for the best thoroughbred stallion of any age, with his splendid two-year-old Halton, by Terror, out of Annie Laurie. This colt is a rich bay with black points and a blazed face. It is needless to say that he is a magnificent colt after stating that he has taken the diploma from such horses as Judge Curtis, Vicksburg, Big Sandy, Major Macdon, Van Dorn, and other good ones.

Mr. T. C. Patteson, of Eastwood, shows a very fine lot of thoroughbreds, both imported and Province bred. Prominent among the latter is the game and speedy Emily, by Terror out of Liberty by imp. Mercer. This beautiful animal is too well known among Canadian horsemen to require any description, and her brilliant career upon the turf says more in her praise than would the most elaborate description. She never looked or felt better than she does now, and if she would not again become a "terror" to Province breeds she must keep off the turf.

Equality, a chestnut filly, by King Tom out of Emily's dam, a beautiful three-year-old, took second prize in her class. Though not a big one to look at she is full of racing quality and has bone and muscle just where a race horse needs it. She is a hard-wiry heavy muscled animal, and moves as though she were made of whale-bone and cat-gut.

Type of Beauty, one of Mr. Patteson's importations from England, an exquisitely turned two-year-old, took first prize in her class. She is a rich bright bay with no white save a small star in the forehead. Her rare breeding shows itself in her big bright eye, fine gamey head, clean throat and wind-pipe, finely turned neck, deep broad chest, grandly rounded barrel, full flank, close coupling, massive rangy quarters, clean flat sinewy limbs, and fine elastic pasterns. She is indeed a "type of beauty." This filly is by Prince Batthyany's Typhus (son of Stockwell and Typee by Touchstone) out of Eltham Beauty (daughter of Kingston and Nightshade by Touchstone.)

Star Actress, another three-year-old filly, brought from England last Spring by Mr. Patteson, took second prize in her class. Though a trifle plainer than the first prize filly, she has all the points of a race 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 road high loin of marvelous depth and strength, and such hind-quarters as were never seen on an animal of his incl. His legs, both fore and hind, are brad, 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 a colt that has already been successful on the turf.

The famous Nestle by Kennett, Stolen Kisses by Coppe, 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

ringo filly by Slapbang out of a carriage mare, took third place in her class.

There were no less than thirty-six entries in the saddle class, but the contest for first prize was quickly narrowed down to two competitors. The first prize was awarded to a big, substantial looking gelding exhibited by Mr. Joseph Grand, of Toronto. He had the advantage of being ridden in the ring by that excellent horseman "Peter," a matter of no small importance under the circumstances. Mr. T. C. Patteson's Emily appeared in excellent form, and took second prize. She was ridden by the English jockey Price.

The first prize for single driving horse was taken by the chestnut gelding Happy Abbott, the property of Mr. A. E. Davis, of Stoney Creek. The contest was a very keen one, there being no less than ninety-two competitors. He was sired by Field's Royal George (sire of Byron, record 2:27) his dam a Duroc mare.

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A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR.

Mr. J. L. Rawbone, of 123 Yonge Street, Toronto, the well-known gun and breech-loading gun implement manufacturer, made a fine display of his wares at the recent Provincial Exhibition at London. His samples were one of the features of the Fair, and attracted universal attention. He was awarded first prize for best assortment of Fire Arms; first prize for breech-loading gun implements, and first prize for his combined hand turnover, cartridge extractor, and rammer combined, a complete *multum in parvo*; his Phillip's Patent Horse Clipper was highly commended; and his sample of skate grinding was likewise commended. In another department, original water colors (amateur), we see that Mr. R. secured first prize in the section Animals from Life. From the antipodes we learn that Mr. R. received the grand medal and Diploma for his breech-loading gun implements at the Australian Exhibition. The above prizes are quite a load of honors, and are well merited by this model house.

THE TRIGGER AT MONTREAL.

The match between Mr. Pepin, of Montreal, and Mr. Desautels, of Leprare, 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. B. Havill, of Hudson, N.Y., were the judges. The following is the result of the match:—

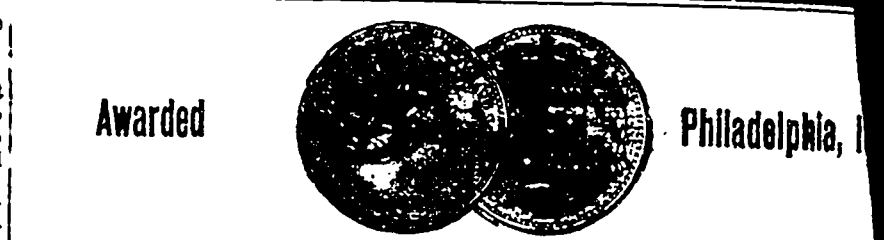
Desautels	10	10	10	11	10	11	11	11	11	22
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GAME CHICKENS.—The London Herald, in speaking of the display of game fowl at the recent exhibition in that city, says the games though in bad feather showed first-class points and breeding; but a number were under size and have been bred too fine. In the cock pit times, far superior specimens were shown.

A TOTTENHAM CUSTOMER.—An old pensioner named Edwards shot a large bear in Eidon, 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 39 feet. The error was discovered within the last twelve months, the jump being 67 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 Lauer.



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