STABLE GLEANINGS.

Horse items for this column will be welcomed from any part of the country.

Lord Harry will probably race no more.

But four trotters have gone miles in 2.07 or better, while fifteen pacers are included in the same list.

All the 2.10 trotters, thirty-three in number, are living, save two, Palo Alto, 2.08¾, and Pamlico, 2.10.

Now Polk Badger "is believed to be stabled in a quiet place in Chicago" wherever that might be found.

Cicero J. Handle, it is reported, will cut Fantasy loose and send her out to break Directum's record of 2.05¼.

Domino ran last in the first and last great races of the year the American Derby and the Morris Park Special.

Lady Violet has broken down again, and she will probably retire to the stud. She should prove a valuable matron.

The pacing gelding Blizzard, 2.16¾, by Sandy Short, was stricken with paralysis Oct. 10, at Philadelphia Driving Park.

The fastest pacing mare is Mary Marshall, 2.08¼, and out of forty seven pacers that have records better than 2.10 only four are mares.

Azote, Don Cupid, Trevillian, Alar, who finished one, two, three, four, in the Transylvania stake are all inbred to Hambletonian 10.

The chestnut stallion William B., by Melville Chief, dropped dead Oct. 3, on the Waterbury, Conn., track, after being driven a moderate mile.

During the Paris International Exhibition the Orloff stallion Bedouin trotted three kilometers in 4.45, and the last kilometer, which is 3,500 feet, in 1.29.

Negotiations are on for a three-cornered pacing race between Robert J., 2.01¼, John R. Gentry, 2.03¾ and Joe Patchen, 2.04, at Belmont track, Philadelphia.

Morgan blood seems to be cropping out in wholesale in stallions this season, through Joe Patchen, Rembrandtein, Pamlico, Dandy Jim, and other bright stars.

Jockey Horton, who was hurt in the steeplechase on Narragansett's opening day, is more seriously injured than was at first supposed. His injuries are very liable to prove fatal.

The pacing stallion Crawford 2.07¼, by Favorite Wilkes, died Oct. 13, at Dallas, Pa., and was buried at the distance pole at the track. Crawford was owned by R. A. Stratton, Evansburg, Pa.

Loftin, Jr., broke down in the first race at Harlem, October 8th, and may not start again for some time. The horse is a five year-old chestnut gelding by Loftin, out of Mosquito, and is owned by J. E. Brown & Co.

The record of the grey mare Chloe, by Wildmont, has been given by several of our contemporaries as 2.21¼. Her owner, J. H. Metcalf, Kingston, Ont., advises us that her record of 2.22¼, made last year, has not been reduced.

The horses most highly esteemed in ancient times—Arabs, Persians, Barbs and Spanish jennets—were all inferior in size to the horses of to-day, the average Arab stood being between fourteen and fifteen hands and the others smaller.

Riley Grannan must have quit the block for a less exciting occupation. Instead of hiring him to Morris Park, he remained in Lexington and his Navarre cafe. He has engaged the artist Henry Stull to paint for him a picture of Henry of Navarre, which he will place in the restaurant.

Walker Morrill, the noted sire, by Winthrop Morrill, died last Saturday at Pimlico, Md. He was foaled 1869, and for many years was owned by William Hoppe, of Baltimore. The old horse was interred in the infield at Pimlico course.

Amiable, the winner of the (English) Oaks this year, has an extraordinary case of string halt. It affects both hind legs, and she pulls them up with a sharp jerk at least two feet clear of the ground. Strange to say she gets rid of it entirely when she gallops.

Flying Jib is credited with some wonderful performances of late, but the admiration of the practical observer is for the strong and sturdy running mate rather than the active side-wheeler that managed to keep up with the motive power.—*Inland Free Press.*

Don Alonzo has not been seen out since his dead heat at Coney Island with Illume, when he pulled up lame, and the purse—luckily for him—was divided. The big colt has not broken down, as has been reported, but his condition has not been so satisfactory as desired.

Pat Meaney, the old time steeplechase rider, recently purchased from Louis Stuart the six year-old bay horse Pickwicker, by imp. Mr. Pickwick, out of Shamrock, by imp. Buckden, and he will be schooled over the jumps and taken to California to race this winter.

Midnight Hal, owned by A. Coatsworth, of Buffalo, will be campaigned next season as a pacer. Look out for this brother to Brown Hal, Jr. At present he is at the training stable of Howard Conkling, ex-superintendent of the Howard Farm during the halcyon days of Balsora Wilkes, 2.17¼.

Reports from Spring Hill say that Sky Pointer, owned by Young Henry Pointer, will be as fast as any of the family. In his first attempt and on a half-mile track he is said to have paced a mile in 2.30, and quarters at a 2.10 gait, driven by his owner. Arrangements have been made to turn the colt over to Geers in 1896.

Charles Reed, the breeder of Agitator, saw him win the Matron Stakes at Morris Park, October 6th, and profited $1,000 thereby. Mr. Reed had forgotten his glasses, but filled the deficiency by buying a pair from the man who was sitting next him for $10. Even aided by the glasses Mr. Reed would not believe that the Fairview bred colt was winning.

Mrs. D. D. Shean, of Lompoc, Cal., is a notable instance of a woman training and driving trotting horses. She does her driving suit every morning and drives to the race-course, where she works her horses for all there is in them, and the jockey who can side track or get ahead of her has to be an expert. She is the Mrs. Crosby of the Pacific coast.

The bay gelding Billy Lyle, by Roach's American Star, dam the Ryan mare, died the week before last at Hill Top Farm, near Denver, Col., the property of Fred. Barnett. Billy Lyle was eighteen years old, and was at one time sold by Orrin Hickok for $5,000. For six years he was owned by W. F. Kendrick, and was one of Denver's crack roadsters.

It seems that Island Wilkes does not stand alone as a six year-old sire of a three year-old performer. He divides the honor with St. Croix, 2.24¾, a foal of 1888, who is the sire of St. Croix, Jr., who entered the 2.30 list in September. St. Croix, Jr. was the first of his sire's get, out of an unbroken three-year-old filly by Fred. Boone, son of Daniel Boone.

The essayists who are certain that gray horses are not as game as those of the better colors, are urgently invited to consult the summaries of the races in which Ethel A., 3, 2.10¼, Ella T., 3, 2.11¼, Brookside, 3, 2.11¼, Senator A., 2.12¼, Jerry L., 2.15¼, and other gray flyers have started in 1894. The proof of the pudding sometimes lies in chewing the string.

Up to the end of last week Simms led the jockeys in winning mounts, with 162 victories, 124 seconds and 102 thirds, out of 526 mounts. Doggett comes second with 127 victories in 479 races and Griffith third, with 123 winning mounts in 449 races. No other eastern jockeys have yet ridden the winners of 100 races, Taral having but forty-eight victories in 191 races to his credit.

Sport has been added to the list and has recovered from the operation all right. He is now being driven to a trotting colt breaking cart by Arnold, a well known man among the trotting horsemen. He drives him with an open bridle, and the horse has done nothing amiss as yet, but it will be nothing short of a miracle if he ever gets over the mismanagement that so thoroughly soured him.

On the Royal Prussian stock farms, of which there are seventeen, there were 2,433 stallions in 1892, which served that year 126,371 mares, 84,113 of which got in foal, but 6,728 mares aborted. The produce amounted to 71,092, of which 35,157 were colts and 35,845 fillies. The average number of mares covered by one stallion was fifty-three; the average number of produce, thirty-three. Sixty-seven per cent. of the mares got in foal.

In the second race at Morris Park, October 8th, for two-year-olds at six furlongs, Kennel notoriously outclassed his field. Kennel is owned by P. J. Dwyer. He was entered to be sold for $1,000. James Kelly thought there was a chance to get a good colt cheap. He bid him up $3,000 above his entered selling price. P. J. Dwyer was in anything but an enviable frame of mind; he bid an additional $5 and retained the horse.

Such is fate and fame. Now the scribes are holding an autopsy upon Domino. He has also, it has been discovered, "a cold cross in his breeding, as his dam, Mannie Gray, was looked upon as of doubtful pedigree when she raced. It was asserted by many that her second dam's pedigree was unknown, although said to be by Lecompte." All of the above, no doubt, is erroneous. But it shows the fickleness of the public. Poor Domino! "None so poor to do him reverence."

The black stallion, Joe Patchen, was bred by Chas. Rathburn, Peabody, Kan., says an exchange. A few years ago he owned a little humped-up pacing mare that was used as a cow pony, and bred her to Joe Young. He got a filly that had a good way of going, but very little speed. This filly was bred to Patchen Wilkes, and the produce was Joe Patchen. The latter was a big, coarse colt, mixed-gaited, and when a three-year-old was sold to Mr. Taylor, together with his dam, the colt being put in for $550, which was considered a good price for those days.

Absolute, indisputable accuracy in timing races—with regard solely to the time—is one of those things that must be perfected in the future. A fine thread connected with an electrical device might be capable of accomplishing the trick. The start would be more difficult than the finish to catch—but only in a slight degree. The thread might lay on or be stretched above and across the track, passed through over pulleys at each side at a certain height. Whenever a "go" was imminent it could by easy means be drawn taut. This would start the watch, which could be stopped in the same way. Such an arrangement would not interfere with the movements of the horses.

The most promising of Mercury's colts, and the oldest and first to be trained, is a handsome filly now at Cleburne called Mattie C. She is a two-year-old and has recently paced a mile in 2.37¼. The filly is out of the dam of Cassie 2.12¾ and Bob Taylor 2.18¾. It seems that Captain Campbell made no mistake when he purchased this son of Sidney to cross on his pacing mares. All the state needs now is a good son of Direct. Mercury is by Sidney, dam by Buccaneer, and Mattie C. is one of the two colts of his first season. The other one has also paced a mile below 2.30, both being two-year-olds. In the show ring of the coming fair the sire easily captured first prize for best stallion in a field of ten or twelve.

The history of Rowdy Joe, 2.08, aside from Directly has the distinction of being the fastest new performer of the year is given by the Mexico, Mo., *Ledger* as follows: "Rowdy Joe was six years old on May 5th last and is by Telegram, the sire of Telegram 2.12¼. Telegram was shipped from Kentucky by Matt & Winn, and was owned by said firm the property of Dr. J. B. Hawkins, who then lived in Ralls county, at Malinda ville. Dutch, the dam of Rowdy Joe, was then owned in Ralls by Dr. Brall who sold her to Bob Smith, and Rowdy Joe was foaled the property of the latter. When a young colt Dr. Hawkins bought him from Smith and used him as a saddle and buggy horse until he was about four years old. When the offspring of Telegraph began to show speed Dr. Hawkins had Rowdy Joe driven for quite a while on the track at Center, and Zach Thurmond gave him his early education. The horse was always erratic. Joe's dam is now owned by Dr. Hawkins, who bought her from Tom Cousins, of Hannibal, for $125. She was bred by one of the Curtwrights, of Monroe county, and is Copperbottom stock. This is all that is known of her breeding. When Joe was about four years old Dr. Hawkins sold him to Bud Crow, of New London, for $100, but afterward took him back because of alleged unsoundness. In this spring Dr. Hawkins sold a half interest in the famous gelding to William Besbears, of Ralls county, for $1,200. Fred Blattner has the horse's racing qualities leased until January 1, when Allen will take him south this fall."

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