

AN OLD TIME RACE.

From "Albion's" contribution in last week's Spirit of the Times, we clip the following account of one of the greatest races ever run on the American continent. It will repay reading:—

On Oct. 10, 1843, at Nashville, Ten., the Peyton Stakes came off. Out of the thirty nominations four came to the post. Thomas Kirkman's chestnut filly by Glencoe, dam Giantess, by Leviathan; Col. Waddo Hampton's Herald, by Plenipotentiary, dam imp. Delphine; Hon. A. Barrow's chestnut colt, by imp. Skylark, dam Lilac, by Leviathan; and Col. Balie Peyton's brown filly Great Western, by imp. Luzborough, dam Black Maria, by American Eclipse. "The course, says the report, " was exceedingly deep and tough, and the fastest mile made in the race was the fourth mile in the third heat, won by Mr Kirkman's filly which she ran in 1:58. She finally won the race, and was at once christened Peytona, for Col. Peyton. The race was probably won upon its merits, or, more accurately speaking, it is the opinion of Col. Peyton, and almost every turfman we ever met who saw the running, that Herald would have won easily had he not been badly handled. The management of this colt in the race was given to Col. Singleton, of South Carolina, and the programme laid out for him was to throw away the first heat, and although he could have won it (for he could hardly give it away after he came into the homestretch) he was pulled up to the merest gallop, and Mr. Barrow's colt won the heat in 8:52, with Col. Peyton's Great Western second, Peytona third, and Herald fourth.

In the second heat Herald, under orders, went to work from the start, was never headed, and won with the greatest ease in 8:50; Mr. Barrow's colt second, Great Western third, and Peytona fourth. Peytona was ridden by F. P. Palmer, better known as "Barney," and the report says: "She was capitally jockeyed." She was a very large filly, about 17 hands, and very awkward, with an immense sweeping stride, and great endurance. The course was so muddy and heavy that Palmer was afraid that she would lose her feet. Accordingly he was compelled to ride her very wide upon the turns, and sometimes went close to the outer railing to keep her from falling. On the last mile of the third heat, after he left the first turn, he sent her along at the top of her speed. She very soon overtook Herald, and the two had a severe fight to the next turn; but here Palmer was compelled to give her room again, and Herald, who had kept the lead, pulled two lengths to the front. As they approached the homestretch, Palmer again sent Peytona along with all might and main, and, after the severest contest of the race, won the heat by a bare half length. Great Western was distanced. This should have taught the managers of Herald a lesson. They had but to wait, put the race on a brush, and win; but a different policy again prevailed. He was ordered to make the running, and did so, and led for three miles and three-quarters, when Peytona challenged him, and beat him home by two lengths; time—8:52, 8:50, 8:35, 8:52. Value of stakes to winner \$35,000.

On the next day, Oct. 11, the Alabama Stakes were run. Mr. Lucius J. Polk's Ambassador (imported in his mother's belly), by Plenipotentiary, dam imp. Jenny Mills, won, beating Mr. Thomas Kirkman's Cracovienne, by Glencoe, dam imp. Gollopado, Capt. N. Davis' Joe Bradley, by Leviathan, dam imp. Design; and Charles Bosley and Henry M. Clay's gray filly, by imp. Phillip, dam Madam Bosley, in two straight heats, time, 5:59, 5:21; value of stakes to the winner \$17,000. Tennessee and South Carolina contended for the Trial Stakes; no others came to the post, and South Carolina conquered. In the Alabama Stakes, Tennessee and Alabama were both represented. Each had two starters, and Tennessee won, and in the Peyton Stakes, Louisiana, Alabama, and South Carolina were the only States that had starters, and Alabama conquered. The total value of the three stakes was \$69,000.

Thus ended one of the most extraordinary events recorded in the world's racing annals. The three great stakes prove how deep an interest was taken in the sports of the turf at that time. Look over the list of names mentioned in these events, and see who the men were that were then engaged on the turf. There were members of the National Congress, foreign ministers, governors of States, and men of wealth and distinction in all the walks of life. It is rather sad to contemplate the changes that time has made since then. Of the thirty subscribers to the great Peyton Stakes, only three survive—Thomas J. Wells, since the war prominently conspicuous in the politics of Louisiana; the other two are Col. Peyton and Mr. John Kirkman; the latter still reside at Nashville. All the others have paid the last debt of nature, and sleep the last sleep.

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