

The noted Irish Thoroughbred stallion, Gallinule, died last month at the age of 28 years. At one time he was sold for the fabulous price of \$25,500, but he proved a failure as a performer, and was sold for \$5,000 to go to the stud, where he was a pronounced success. His daughter, Pretty Polly, won 22 out of her 24 races. She won \$186,485 in stake money. All told, 342 winners were sired by Gallinule, and they won 572 races of the aggregate value of \$1,420,710. In his 26th year he begot 28 foais.

Too late for change of advertisement in Feb. 15 issue, came an order from Lew W. Cochran, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, importer and breeder of Percheron, Belgian, Shire and Hackney horses, who writes: My stallions and mares have been doing very fine this winter, considering the cold weather. Have not had a sick horse in my barns all winter. I now have quite a number of two-yearolds that are weighing 1,900 to 2,100 pounds. Can satisfy any of my customers who are wanting stallions with lots of bone, quality, good individuals, and that will mature 2,000 to 2,400 pounds. Sales so far have been very satisfactory. I sold 16 head of stallions in the last 10 days, quite a number going to Manitoba for show horses for the winter shows in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, commencing the 2nd of

#### STOCK SALE DATES CLAIMED.

February 27th and 28th.—At Union Stock-yards, Toronto; Clydesdales and Percherons. J. Herbert Smith, man-

February 28th.-At Parkhill, Ont., R. & S. Nicholson, and H. K. Fairbairn; Shorthorns.

March 6th.—Pure-bred cattle, in Winter Fair Building, Guelph. March 6th.-Nelles & Woodley, Boston,

Ont.: Holsteins. March 7th .- J. J. Wilson, Ash, Halton Co., Ont.; Holsteins, registered and

grade. March 7th.—Clydesdale and Shorthorns, at Thamesford, Ont., the property of W. W. Hogg.

March 25th .- E. F. Osler, Bronte, Ont.; Holsteins and Clydesdales. March 26th.-S. Macklin, Weston, Ont.;

April 3rd.—Holstein - breeders' Club: second annual consignment sale, Belle-

### Old Mothers.

I love old mothers-mothers with white And kindly eyes, and lips grown softly

sweet With murmured blessings over sleeping There is something in their quiet grace

That speaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons; A knowledge in their deep, unfaltering

eyes

That far outreaches all philosophy. Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves

The silver-threaded fairy shawl of age, While all the echoes of forgotten songs Seem joined to lend a sweetness to their speech. Old mothers !- as they pass with slow-

timed step, Their trembling hands cling gently to

youth's strength; Sweet mothers !- as they pass, one sees again

Old garden walks, old roses and old loves. -Charles S. Ross, in The Century.

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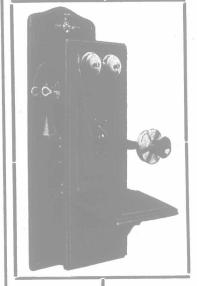
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