

## THE WEEK'S TROTTING.

St. THOMAS, May 1st.—The postponed races of the St. Thomas Turf Club commenced here to-day. Owing to the threatening state of the weather the attendance was not large. The races were good. Summaries:

2.50 pacing; purse \$500 divided:  
sir Harry Wilkes, b.m., John W. Gage, Hamilton 1 11  
Lord Ferguson, b.m., C. P. E. Laid, Simcoe 2 11  
Keweenaw, chs., John Macdon, Woodstock 3 11  
Dixie Van, b.m., Van Tyl, Toronto 4 11  
Tull, R. brn., Culham, Hamilton 5 11  
Lord Ferguson, chs., J. Kennedy, Clinton 6 11  
Time 2.25, 2.25, 2.23 1/4.

2.10 trot and pace; purse \$400 divided:  
Ben R., b.m., Thomas Morris, Hamilton 1 11  
Belmont Chief, b.m., Howbridge, 1 11  
Dolly T., blk., H. Yaff, Pontiac, Mich. 2 11  
Gertie R., blk., Thos. Crooks, Hamilton 3 11  
Elo Co. brn., H. Shuch, London 4 11  
Nixie, dark blk., H. Hase, Windsor 5 11  
Time 2.29 1/4, 2.21, 2.20 1/4, 2.20 1/4, 2.25, 2.25.

2.30 trot; purse \$400 divided:  
Arona, chm., G. McPherson, Hamilton 1 11  
Saratoga, blk., H. Wilson, Windsor 2 11  
Palm, chm., H. P. P., Ajax 3 11  
Bayridge, chs., H. James, Hamilton 4 11  
Glorious, brn., Derby Stock Farm, Toronto 5 11  
Nelson Park, brn., S. C. Stinson, Hamilton 6 11  
Bellevue, brn., S. C. Stinson, Hamilton 7 11  
Maggie C. blk., Donaldson & Co., Hillsburg 8 11  
Time 2.34, 2.29 1/4, 2.29, 2.26, 2.29, 2.29 1/4, 2.29 1/4, 2.30 1/4.

## SECOND DAY AT ST. THOMAS.

St. THOMAS, Ont., June 1st.—The second day's sport attracted 1,500 people. Summaries:

The 4-minute stake, purse \$500 divided:  
Dyson, brn., H. Scott, Columbia 1 11  
Tull, blk., John W. Gage, Hamilton 2 11  
King Forest, b.m., W. A. Collins, Toronto 3 11  
Evergood, blk., Evergood Stock Farm, Toronto 4 11  
Bill, blk., J. H. McDonald, Walkerton 5 11  
Dillon, brn., J. H. Wilson & Bell, Seneca 6 11  
May F., blk., Chas. Hay, Toronto 7 11  
Miss superior, chs., H. James, Hamilton 8 11  
Time 2.32, 2.27 1/4, 2.27 1/4, 2.29 1/4, 2.34 1/4.

2.24 trot and pace, purse \$400, divided:  
John Doolittle, chs., E. Harper, Toronto 1 11  
Dillon, blk., Lee Bros., Jarvis 2 11  
Allegro, blk., R. G. Stinson, Hamilton 3 11  
Joe W., brn., Chas. Hay, Toronto 4 11  
Glenair, blk., Chas. Hay, Toronto 5 11  
Billy Mack, chs., J. Dunne, Hamilton 6 11  
Dillon, blk., D. McCombe, Parkdale 7 11  
Ray Fly, blk., H. Overton, St. Thomas 8 11  
Jewel, blk., Chas. Hay, Toronto 9 11  
Molly Hooper, blk., J. Lawler, Port Hope 10 11  
Time 2.29, 2.29 1/4, 2.29 1/4, 2.29 1/4, 2.29 1/4.

2.40 pace, purse \$500, divided:  
Chas. Fly, blk., H. T. Westcott, Hamilton 1 11  
Hoyan Sam, blk., Thompson & Millman, Woodstock 2 11  
Hazel Malone, blk., T. Horner, St. Thomas 3 11  
Pacer Bell, blk., R. G. Stinson, Hamilton 4 11  
Time 2.40, 2.36 1/4.

## TROTTING AT HALIFAX, N.S.

FOLLOWING are the summaries of some trotting races that took place at Halifax, N.S., on May 24. We direct the attention of secretaries and correspondents to the complete manner in which they are prepared, the sires being given in each instance. This is the way all summaries should be made up, so by them owners can tell what other members of the families to which their horses belong are doing:

Purse \$150; 2:38 class, trotting and pacing.  
Chas. Fly, b.m., by Allie Clay; S. Coldwell 6 11  
Nelly Bell, b.m., by Allright; Newton Lett 1 11  
Marion C., b.m., by Hampton; A. C. Gilson 2 11  
Barbara Pride, b.m., by Brother; Pride, C. C. Hartless 3 11  
Time 2:40, 2:38 1/4, 2:38 1/4, 2:38 1/4, 2:38 1/4.

Tan O'Shanter, b.g., by Allright; R. H. Edwards 2 33dr  
Minnie Snow, b.m., by Young Snow; J. Stafford 3 6 dr  
Major, b.g., by Melbourne's King; F. Hallifax 4 11  
B.B. by Black Pilot; J. Dover 5 11  
Time 2:22, 2:30, 2:30, 2:31.

Purse \$125; 2:50 class, trotting and pacing.  
June 10, b.m., by Allright; Newton Lett 1 11  
Little Hope, blk. m., by Hampton; C. Gilson 2 11  
Tancy, brn., by Lord A. C. Bell 3 11  
Major, b.g., by Dean Swift; Captain Lawrence 4 11  
Joe, b.g., by J. Currie 5 11  
Champion, blk. m., by Island Chief; Thomas Rockett 6 11  
Time 2:40, 2:42, 2:40, 2:43, 2:40.

Purse \$250; free-for-all, trotting.  
Israel, h.b., by Hampton, dam by Bellwood; A. C. Bell 1 11  
Stranger, chs., by Sir John Dean; R. H. Rogers 2 11  
Kathrina, brn., by Harry Wilkes, dam by Sir Charles; H. Stevens 3 11  
Pensation (Pine), brn., by Allright; J. Gilson 4 11  
Favorite, blk. m., by Bashaw Prince; Dr. J. A. Merrill 5 11  
Time 2:33, 2:33, 2:32.

Purse \$100; 3:00 class, trotting and pacing.  
Marion C., b.m., by Hampton; A. E. Currie 1 11  
Abdallah, blk., by Allright; John Muller 2 11  
Chas. Fly, b.m., by Island Chief; Thomas Lett 3 11  
Bashaw Queen, blk. m., by Bashaw Prince; J. Currie 4 11  
Dolly Wilkes, brn., by Rod Wilkes; George Hirschfeld 5 11  
George W., b.m., by Harry Wilkes; Joe John O'Hearn 6 11  
Loretta Wilkes, blk. ch. h., by Oliver Wilkes; M. C. Hall 7 11  
Time 2:42, 2:42, 2:43, 2:43.

## TOOK THE WRONG HORSE.

W. M. STONE writes to the *American Horse Breeder*: I know a bit of history concerning Rysdyk's Hambletonian who may interest your readers as showing how often many of us have bought the wrong horse. In 1853 I was living at Ovid, N. Y. My neighbor, Charles Ingersoll, then county clerk, was a horse fancier and bred some in a small way. A few years before this he had been to Vermont and bought the Morgan horse Gen. Gifford. He was small, a sorrel in color, with a broad white face, but showed grand style and action, and was a fine driver.

He kept him in the stud a few years, but his colts were generally small and badly marked. Later he became interested in Chalmers, which was quite speedy, and left a few good colts. In 1853 Mr. Ingersoll went to the horse show at Springfield, Mass., in pursuit of another stallion. On his trip he met Mr. Rysdyk, who was Hambletonian and another brown stallion, which he called Abdallah. Each was four years old, and for each he asked \$1,000. Hambletonian he showed to harness, Abdallah to harness. After several days of close examination and careful deliberation he took Abdallah and brought him home to Ovid. He was a brown, about 16 hands, with a very good head, as good a set of limbs as I ever saw, and a very light tail.

He was not a showy horse and did not give a very well with farmers and others. After a couple of years I think it was he traded him away to a party in Steuben county, N. Y. When the few colts he left had got to be three years old they were considered very promising, and some men began to search for Abdallah to try and get him back again. After quite a hunt they found him, castrated and working in a lumber team.

I only write this to show how easily it is to get hold of the wrong horse, as in this case one meant ill-luck, the other a fortune. The second choice went to fame, the first to a lumber whiffletree.



## ATHLETICS.

Sporting Life, London, Eng., says: "One of the most excellent remedies for sprains, bruises, strains, over-tension of the ligaments, and other ailments incidental to athletic sports, is St. Jacobs Oil." The same is said of it by the sporting journals of the States.

## HE CURED HER.

A TURFMAN in Livermore, whose name is familiar to nearly every horse fancier in Maine, once owned a fine specimen of the equine race that persisted in kicking her stall down every night, but because of her high breeding was kept for a long time, hoping she would eventually outgrow the habit if he gave her plenty of exercise. She did not, on the contrary, and he was more perplexed than ever. He awakened one night from pleasant dreams by her incessant kicking, he got to thinking the matter over and finally conceived of a scheme that he concluded would prove effective in breaking the mare of the habit, and he proceeded directly he had eaten his breakfast the next morning to materialize his plans. Fixing a good strong whip so that it could be easily manipulated by a lever, he ran a strong cord from it to his bedroom and awaited for night to set in when the mare, as usual, brought him out of a sound sleep by carrying out her part of the program. Jumping up in bed with a chuckle he grasped the cord and proceeded, by violent jerks, to set the whip at the other end in motion, and the blows must have fallen thick and fast, reaching the mark at every crack, for punishment reigned supreme for several moments, when all was as quiet as the grave, the mare, frightened by such an unlooked-for reception, cowering in one corner of the stall out of the whip's reach. Nothing more was heard from her that night and the operation had to be repeated only a few more nights before she was thoroughly broken of the habit and never was known afterwards to lift her heels viciously.—*Liverdon, Me., Journal.*

## A VISIT TO PALO ALTO.

A RECENT visitor to the famous Palo Alto Farm writes: "Ad Bell is, as you might suppose, by Advertiser, out of Beautiful Bells; is a yearling and a trotter now. We were told an offer of \$10,000 had been refused for him at seven days old. He's a grand colt, and with proper care will make a great horse. None are richer in trotting blood and none are superior to him in form or color. He's a grand little horse right now. We took in the grounds and saw the kindergarten schools for youngsters. They begin with them at three months old, and from the beginning boot and equip them as old campaigners. This is done, we are told, to prevent them from becoming timid from any interference or injury; they might suffer in learning to trot. The thoroughbred-in-the-trotter, you know, was a fad at Palo Alto, and we saw many more or less of this cross, but to my mind none seemed to Advertiser, 2:15), the Electioneer-George Wilkes horse. The pure bred trotter that wants to trot, can and does trot is the kind of a trotter for me, and Advertiser is in this kind. Mr. J. In S. Phippen is the trainer in charge and has many assistants, as

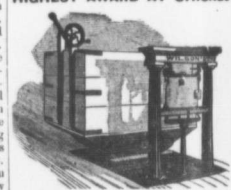
the number in training and being broken are legion. Palo Alto's name is prominent over one of the stalls, and we found the memory of this grand horse still fresh and green in the hearts of his friends. In his day he was the idol of the farm, and I doubt if another will ever come to supplant the affections that are even now cherished for the dead champion. He, Alto, two years, 2:22, by Palo Alto, dam Elsie, by Gen. Benton, is much thought of and by some is thought to be a candidate for high honors. My traveling companion and myself, both being "hossy" inclined, you can imagine the treat we enjoyed in seeing led out of one of the most wonderful array of trotting stock owned on any one farm in the world. We took them all in from Truman, 2:12, to the baby trotter in bag clothes, only three days old. The grounds and the track surrounding are wonder fully beautiful. And as we stood and looked over the beautiful track enclose, with its unbroken carpet of green, dotted here and there with grand, old live colts that have stood as sentinels in this valley for a thousand years, with the daisy wild flower smiling from under the grass tufts, can you wonder we thought what a pity the man who possessed all this worked for it and loved it all so much should have to leave it?"

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