

Plaudit and other good ones of the time. As a matter of fact, 1898 was a turf year that was remarkable for its good three-year-olds, and Pink Coat was in the very forefront of them all.

He was winner of the American Derby, at Washington Park, when, among others, there finished behind him Warrenton, Isabry, Mirthful and Bannockburn. When he won the St. Louis Derby, he beat John E. Madden's great colt Plaudit, now a great sire. In that running he also again took the measure of Bannockburn, Jackanapes and other good ones. He was beaten in the Wheeler Handicap by Algol and Goodrich, but there finished behind him Boanerges, Imp and Elusive.

Pink Coat met with an accident that kept him away from the races during his four-year-old year, or there would have undoubtedly been a better story to tell of his turf triumphs, for it was then that Imp made her journey East, and took the scalps of the best that were shown.

As a five-year-old, Pink Coat returned to the races and was winner of six events, was three times second and four times third. The next year he was only five times outside the money in sixteen starts, winning six of his races. The next year the game fellow showed his sturdy quality by racing successfully, and his last winning effort was a mile in 1.39 flat, over the Harlem track, Chicago. At that time 1.39 was a remarkably good performance. The year before, and under 118 pounds Pink Coat won at a mile and a quarter, at Washington Park in 2.04 1-5, which remains a track record for that course.

So much for Pink Coat's brilliant track record, but he was not through when his racing days were over. He at once made his appearance in the stud, and if he had never done anything else than sire Pinkola, his reputation would have been established. Pinkola began a good two-year-old, but he did not really come into his own until he was a three-year-old, and the distances were stretched until they were real tests of the speed, courage and stamina that go to make up a good horse. Pinkola was equal to the test.

Rock Sand has sold for \$150,000 and Peter Pan for \$80,000. Compare the price received for these thoroughbred sires with the top price obtained for the best horses of any other breed.