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BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Reform—Too Many Judges—False Starts

[From the Spirit of the Times].

The present system should also be reformed, substituting one judge for three. In England, millions of dollars are decided, in the course of a season, by one man as judge. If one man in England can be trusted to decide between men who bet millions of money, surely one man can be found in the United States, to decide the thousands that are bet upon our races. If one man placed in the judge's stand in England, can succeed in deciding thousands of races with general satisfaction, certainly one man in America can decide hundreds of races, and give equal satisfaction. While reforming our crude system of racing, why not adopt some of the better English ideas, for we have adopted many that are not good. The best idea that the English have ever put into practice, is the one judge system. It has worked well there for over half a century, and it would work as well in this country, if adopted. It would have been long since in force in this country, but for the weakness of human nature. The judges of races are not, as a rule, exemplary men, but are vain, and like to occupy conspicuous positions. It flatters their conceit, and makes them feel their importance. The average judge, in America, does not seem to realize, when he goes into the stand, the responsibility resting upon him as a judge, so that the stand is the last place we may look to for reform, for a love of exhibition will carry as many judges as permissible into the stands.

One of the greatest difficulties that racing men encounter is bad starting and false starts. It annoys the trainer, the owner, the jockey, and everybody who witnesses the race, and the horse worn out by false starts. It is a great injury to the horse than it would be to the trainer or four races the same day, if a quick start could be obtained. It is in some degree a drawback of the mode of starting, using flags. The jockeys are continually watching the wrong flag, and starts are much more numerous since the introduction of flags than they were before. A much more convenient tool in the hands of a knave when he wishes to leave a horse at the post, than by a drum or gong, is the use of the whip and spur, may be used to start, will hear the drum, and by the continuous use of the whip and spur, may be made to start, but if the flag is stealthily moved when the horse is walking back and then to turn, bearing no sound, he cannot know that the flag has fallen until he turns his horse around, and suddenly discovers that the second

days, and colder nights, upon what was fed to them, hay or corn fodder, or corn stalks, often without water and without protection from the fierce wind, rain, and snow. In their condition, and thus exposed, they must get weary in the legs, and nature demands that they shall have rest, but when turned out in the field they had no place to lie down upon except the cold ground often covered with snow. Sometimes, from sheer exhaustion they will lie down even in the snow, but they cannot rest long, for they soon become chilled, and are forced to rise and take exercise to keep from freezing. Such treatment is too severe for even barren mares or other stock, but is, certainly, not proper treatment for mares in this delicate condition, and who are well worthy of being bred to the best stallions in the country, and whose foals, when a year old, bring from \$400 to \$5,000.

The common mare bred to a jack would scarcely be more neglected, and her produce, when a year old, would bring \$30 or perhaps \$60. On the contrary, the thoroughbred mare may throw a foal worth a small fortune, not only in the purchase money when sold, but in the reputation he may add to the stud itself by his performances upon the turf. Therefore, it certainly must and will pay the proprietors of large establishments for breeding the thoroughbred to have roomy and comfortable box stalls, large enough for the mare to foal within. He can, at least, construct double sheds or racks filled with hay and straw, having two sides, where the mares can, to some extent, protect themselves against winter's chilly storms, and although they are here too much exposed to wind and weather, such a shed is infinitely superior to being turned into an open paddock, often without sufficient food or bedding.

Mares treated thus generally have weak foals, and they often die for want of strength to stand up and suck. The mare frequently becomes impoverished from neglect and exposure, and her milk is not nourishing and strengthening to the colt, caused from poverty of blood, deprived, as it is, of its chief constituent, albumen. Unless the foal comes very late, so that the mare has an opportunity to enrich her blood with grass, the foal will remain puny, and perhaps die. This shows the necessity of giving broodmares the fostering care of a good groom. They require more delicate nice attention than any other stock in the stud, especially when they are somewhat advanced in years. They should be cleaned off twice a day, morning and evening, be carried and brushed, their manes and tails combed, and their feet rasped and kept in good form, the back, loin, and muscles of the breeding should be well rubbed with a soft brush until a glow of heat is produced upon the skin. The muscles, from exposure and neglect, shrink, and by friction a healthy circulation of the blood can be sent to the perished parts.

All persons, who are familiar with horses, must have noticed that broodmares soon lose their muscular development, especially upon the back and loins. It is generally owing to a want of proper grooming; even old mares, if carefully treated, seldom lose their foals, and the colts are more vigorous and grow off readily, because the mother is healthy and her milk is pure and rich, and infuses health and vigor into

American Turf.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NEW ORLEANS, April 14—Purse \$300; handicap for all ages; \$250 to first, 50 to second; two miles, over eight hurdles.

M Wyche's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella, 128 lbs. 1
G B Morris' b c Woodland, 4 yrs, by Veto, dam Sympathetic, 130 lbs. 2
Capt Taylor's ch h Bilyxi, 6 yrs, by Leamington dam Rebecca, 175 lbs. 3
Time—4.11.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages, with selling allowances; horses entered to be sold for \$1,500, to carry proper weights; \$1,000 allowed 7 lbs; 750, 10 lbs; 500, 15 lbs, 300, 20 lbs, surplus to second horse, \$150 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third; mile and a quarter dash.

Paine & Co's ch g Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario. 1
M Welch's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella. 2
L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroide, dam Black Rose. 3
Time—2.32.

Same Day—Purse \$150, for all ages; mile heats, 3 in 5.

L Hart's b g War Jig, aged, by War Dance, dam Dixie. w o

Same Day—Purse \$200, a handicap, for all ages; \$150 to first, 50 to second; mile heats.

M Welch's b c The Nipper, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Annette, 98 lbs. 5 1 1
W Cottrill's ch g Donough, 4 yrs, by Bluneystone, dam Lily Ward, 99 lbs. 1 4 2
J McMahon's ch c Russ Butler, 4 yrs, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal, 102 lbs 3 2 ro
L Hart's b g War Jig, aged, by War Dance, dam Dixie, 108 lbs. 4 3 ro
G Hako's ch c John Campbell, 4 yrs, by Joe Stoner, dam Betsy Branch, 80 lbs. 2 dis
Time—1:54, 1:51, 1:55.

April 10—Purse \$300, for all ages, to carry 100 lbs; three-year-olds to carry proper weight, with usual allowances; \$250 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third; mile and a quarter dash.

J Huggins' Jack Hardy, 5 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Mollie Rogers, 100 lbs. 1
L Hart's Bob Woolly, 5 yrs, by Leamington, dam Itam, 100 lbs. 2
Paine & Co's ch g Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario, 97 lbs. 3
Verdigris not placed.
Time—2:14.

Same Day—Cottrill Stakes, for three-year-olds; \$25 each, p p, with \$400 added; winner of Pickwick Stakes to carry 7 lbs extra, \$100 to second; mile and a half dash, thirteen entries.
W Cottrill's Aunt Betsy, by Longfellow, dam Talie West.

English Turf.

MR. SANFORD'S DONNA WINS A RACE.

LONDON, April 18.—To-day was the second day of the Newark Craven Meeting, the principal event being the annual race for the Newmarket Handicap, a mile and a half, for which ten horses started, the betting at 10 to 1 against The Cheetah, 7 to 1 against Morning Star, and 10 to 1 against Hidalgo. The latter won by half a length. Another interesting race was a Handicap Plate for three-year-olds and upwards, over the T.Y.C. (5 furlongs, 140 yards), which Mr. M. H. Sanford's Donna won from a field of eight. The four-year-old colt Pardon was the favorite, against which as little as 2 to 1 was accepted, 3 to 1 being accepted Playfair, who finished third, while 20 to 1 was freely laid against Donna and Ursula, the first and second. The race was won easily by three lengths, Pardon finishing seventh. The following are the conditions of both events.

The thirty-third renewal of the Newmarket Handicap, for three-year-olds and upwards, at £25 each, £15 forfeit, and only £3 if declared out, with £100 added; winners of a handicap after the publication of the weights (January 25 at 10 a.m.) to carry 7 lbs, if of the value of £500, 10 lbs., of two or more, 14 lbs. extra, £25 to the second; entrance £3, the only liability for horses struck out on or before noon on Tuesday, January 30; closed with forty-seven subscribers, nineteen of which declared out, last mile and half of the Beacon Course.

Lord Vivian's b c Hidalgo, 3 yrs, by Pero Gomez, dam Nightingale, by West Australian, 81 lbs. 1
Sir W Milner's ch c The Cheetah, 3 yrs, by Sundeloh, dam Ada Lanno, by Mandcardo 80 lbs. 2
Mr Crawford's b c Morning Star, 4 yrs, by Parnesan, dam Wild Flower, by King Tom, 98 lbs. 3

A Handicap Plate of £100, for three year olds and upwards, added to a sweepstakes £10 each for starters, entrance £2 each, winners of a handicap after the publication of the weights 7 lbs. extra; three to start or no race, T.Y.C. (5 furlongs 140 yards)

Mr H Sanford's b f Donna, 3 yrs, by Baywood, dam Dot, by Mal Anthony, 83 lbs. 1
Mr D Cooper's b m Ursula, 5 yrs, by Bel Demonio, dam Hilda. 2
Mr Acton's ch c Playfair, 3 yrs, by Lecturer, dam by King Tom, granum by Slane. 3
Count Lagrange's ch c Pardon, 4 yrs, by Marcello, dam Princess, 117 lbs. 0

DONNA.

Donna was bred by Mr. Sanford at the North Elkhorn Farm, Kentucky, and is by Baywood—a full brother to Prankess, out of Dot, dam of Corbilia and First Chance.

Cricket.

HAMILTON—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Cricket Club was held at Fairchild's restaurant last week. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. George Roach; Vice-Presidents, His Worship the Mayor, Messrs. Alex Harvey, C J Hope and R A Lucas; Secretary, R K Hope, Treasurer, A H Hope, Committee, R Kennedy, J H Lusk, A Wolverton, E W Haro and G Maniwarin.

OTTAWA—The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was very well attended. The Rev. J D Phillips presided. The following officers were elected for 1877:—President, Mr. J M Courier; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T Reynolds, W McK Wright, M P, and H V Noel, Treasurer, G R Baker, Secretary, Rev T D Phillips, Committee, Messrs. Herbert, Brodie, Macklin, Macfarlane and G Brunel.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Sir,—Having seen your paper a great many times, and noticed the beneficial results attending any agitation begun through its columns, I take the liberty of making a few remarks which I think will be of interest to the cricketers of the Province. At many times the widders of the willow have been endeavoring to organize a system of county matches throughout the Dominion, but as yet no decided move has been made in this direction, and the different clubs have been content to follow the usual course of matches between individual clubs.

One direct result of county matches would be that the best cricketers of each county would become known, and it would be some sort of reward for perseverance and hard practice. They are so very few stimulants to efficiency which are placed before players, that I am of the opinion we should give careful consideration to any scheme which is calculated to furnish one. If the representatives of our cricket clubs would meet, say in Toronto, and discuss this matter I have no doubt that an understanding might be arrived at, and a beginning made.

If there are any of your readers who take sufficient interest in the prosperity and advancement of the noble game in Ontario, they would confer a benefit by offering their suggestions in regard to this matter. I hope to see this subject entered into more fully in your next issue and treated in an able manner than by the person who signs himself

Coburn, April 21st.

CRICKETER

THOROUGHBREDS FOR ENGLAND

Mr. M. H. Sanford will shortly ship the roughed two year old to England.