



NIGHTINGALE is one of the biggest winners Mr. Hamlin ever bred.

GOLDEN GATE PARK, San Francisco, has a very fine drive for speeding trotters.

NEWARK has a fine drive set apart for speeding. Often as many as 2,000 spectators attend to see the friendly trials of speed there.

By the explosion of an oil stove in one of the cleaner's rooms at the Buffalo track horses valued at \$75,000 were burned.

THE black gelding, Spofford, is now champion trotter of Europe. His record is 2.15 $\frac{1}{2}$. His sire was Kentucky Prince, and he was foaled 17 years ago.

THERE are a few gray Shires, and they are said to be a good, hardy sort, but the color has not been a fancy one for some time. It is just 42 years since a gray Clyde won at Glasgow.

LARABIE, 2.12 $\frac{3}{4}$, by Jay Bird, dam Kate Brooks, was winner of the champion prize in the standard-bred class at the Boston show. He is owned by Alexander MacLaren.

NANCY HANKS, 2.04, has dropped a fine filly foal by Arion, 2.07 $\frac{3}{4}$, much to the delight of her owner, J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston. The dam of this youngster has the best record of any breeding mare.

ASHLAND WILKES (sire of John R. Gentry, the pacer with a record of 2.03 $\frac{3}{4}$) was sold lately to S. Bathgate, Newark, N.J. The stallion is to be used at the buyer's stock farm in Kentucky. The price paid was \$10,000.

GRAND's spring sale, April 16th, in New York was a grand success. At the sale, M. H. Tichenor & Co. had 28 head, which brought \$15,110, an average of \$540 per head. One team (a pair of finely-turned brown cobs) sold for \$1,625. X Ray sold for \$1,000. Fun and Frolic, a nice team, sold for \$1,075, while Autograph, by Ormond Wilkes, brought \$1,250.

ADVICES from England say that the market is bare of large sound geldings—heavy draught with plenty of weight. At Lincoln fair several good ones brought \$500 each. The great difficulty was to find horses with weight enough and sound.

BARON DE MAUDET-GRANCEY has been writing in French papers on his experience with American and Canadian horses. The latter, he says, are suitable for the army, and can be purchased and sent from Montreal to France at a cost of about \$125 per head.

JOHN H. WALLACE is out with an offer of \$100 to anyone who will produce proof that a Thoroughbred ever trotted a mile in three minutes. The offer, he explains, is not made to belittle the Thoroughbred, but actually to find out whether or not such a performance has ever been made by a Thoroughbred horse.

OF the horses that were Derby winners before 1880 only two are alive, Galopin, and George Frederick, who was sent to Canada last year. All the subsequent winners are still alive—Iroquois, St. Blaise, and Ormonde, in the United States; St. Gatien, in Germany; and Melton, in Italy. The others are still in England.

A PROPOSAL has been made in England to solicit aid from the government for the encouragement of Shire breeding. The matter was taken up by the Central Chamber of Agriculture, who passed a resolution on the subject. When this resolution came before the Council of the Shire Horse Society, they passed the following resolution: "That this council is of opinion that State aid for the encouragement of Shire or cart horse breeding is not necessary or desirable."

A CANADIAN summer circuit for trotting and pacing has been arranged to open at New Hamburg on June 3 and the following day. Future meetings are to be held at Stratford, June 9, 10, and 11; Tilsonburg, June 16, 17, and 18; St. Thomas, June 23, 24, and 25; Hamilton, July 1 to 4; Windsor, July 6 to 11; Sarnia, July 14 to 16; Aylmer, July 21 to 23; Brantford, July 28 and 29; Wingham, August 4 to 6; Listowel,