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by Boston, and the dam of Lexington was a Glencoe mare, being by that famous sire out of Lightstone and the daughter of Levity. This much for the male line from which Oraculum springs.

As for Ormonde the sire of Sorcerer, he needs no introduction to the students of blood lines. To trace to the son of Bend Or and Lily Agnes is enough for the most exacting breeding sharp. It goes to the famous Stockwell family one of the most prized of English strains.

On his dam's side, the line traces back to the same families, and is equally good. Hanoverine was a daughter of Hanover and Sister Geneva. Through Hanover she traces to Hindoo and Bourbon Belle. Hindoo was a son of Virgil and Florence, and Virgil was a son of Vandal by Glencoe out of Levity's dam by Tranby. Bourbon Belle was a daughter of Bonnie Scotland and Ella D., and Ella D. was a daughter of Vandal and Falcon. Falcon was a daughter of Ophelia by Wild Medley, and by Woodpecker by Bertrand.

Sister Geneva, the dam of Hanoverine, was a daughter of King Ban, out of Buff and Blue. King Ban was an English sire and the son of King Tom, out of Atlantis by Thormanby. Buff and Blue, the dam of Sister Geneva, was a daughter of War Dance and out of Balloon by Imported Yorkshire out of Heraldry by Herald.

It is impossible to pick a flaw in such blood lines and at present there is no more fashionably bred horse on this side of the Atlantic than this same big handsome Oraculum, who has just arrived in Canada.

Blood lines are always of the greatest importance in the selection of a stud, but individuality frequently counts for almost as much. There have been bad sons of good ancestors, just as there have been good sons of mediocre parentage. Fortunately Oraculum combines a magnificent individuality with his sterling blood lines. A horse of excellent size and conformation he shows many of the qualities that could be expected from such fashionable parentage and his racing career was decidedly creditable as he always showed himself to be a wonderfully consistent performer. He was one of the best horses raced by George M. Odom, and early in his two-year-old season he had paid for himself many times over. He had a limited campaign his first season on the turf and won three races including the Hempstead Stakes at Jamaica. His following season was his best in training. It was then that he won ten races, and after showing his ability to race with the best sprinters, rounded out his year by winning the mile and six furlongs of the Dixie Stakes at Bennings from Harry Payne Whitney's Perseverance.