REGISTRATION OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

In Special Cases a Greater Degree of Latitude Seems Desirable.

Interest in the Future of the Turf Is at a Low Ebb, Judging from Recent Indications.

SOME CASES THAT NEED ATTENTION.

Excess of Two-Year-Old Racing and Its Prejudicial Effects on the Sport More Apparent This Season Than Ever Before.

A point that will not down in connection with turf discipline is that which relates to the registration of young thoroughbred stock with the Jockey Club. This particular end of the new regime has created trouble in many ways, but what is referred to here is that injustice to men who have not knowingly failed to comply with the regulations must from time to time ensue under the present cast iron rules. In actual fact there is at present a case before the stewards which involves a large sum of money to a man who, in his capacity as breeder on a very extensive scale, has always shown himself prompt to live up to regulations. It would be useless to recount in detail all the particulars of the case, and would not help matters in any way, but in outline the facts are that the man in question bought a yearling from a stud with which he had had previous dealings, and had always found that the Jockey Club rules had been complied with. In this particular instance, through a chain of circumstances it is not necessary to recount, no foal registration was made—not wilfully, but inadvertently, and owing to sickness and death. No discovery was made that the colt was not registered till the attempt was made to register a name for him. Meanwhile the colt had been sold at a large advance in price, but as the new owner is a New York business man and wants to race his horses hereabouts, the colt is absolutely useless to him unless his registration is accepted. The original buyer has consented to refund the purchase money and take the horse if the registration does not go, but, naturally, is anxious not to do so.

This is an isolated case, but there are dozens similar in the essential details. It is not too much to say that it is conceivable how such circumstances might mean absolute ruin to a man. It is a question of expediency, not justice. There is nothing unjust about the enforcement of rules that are the same for one man as another, but it may well be doubted whether the arbitrary adoption of severe regulations after matters had been allowed to go along for years in the most slipshod manner was expedient. Racing men and breeders are willing to acknowledge that such rules were only calculated to work good to their interests in the long run, but as adopted they left no loophole for just such cases as that quoted, except the merely temporary extensions of time made last year.

In other words, would it not be practically better for the Jockey Club to provide that, when reasonable cause of failure to comply with its rules can be shown, registrations can be accepted out of due season on payment of a fine which might grow in proportion to the lateness of the registration? The argument that this would be an injustice to men who had complied with the letter of the rules in due season will scarcely hold water. Such men are liable to find themselves in just such a predicament at any time, and the fines might well be made so heavy that no man would care to pay them of his own volition.

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The announcement that Mr. August Belmont will take his entire stable to England for a sojourn of one year was, of course, the principal news of the week. Every one was sorry to hear it, but at the same time the sincerest sympathy was felt for the new enterprise of the "maroon and scarlet." There is absolutely no question that Mr. Belmont is more than right in stating that the victory of his colors in classic, or even in events of any extraordinary interest, will be of the greatest service here. It is no use mincing matters and pretending that everything is sweet and lovely when it is not so. There are ample indications that the turf has no such stanch and firm support as will enable it to weather any storm.

Take the yearling market, for example. There is a notable absence of enthusiasm. Some good prices have been realized, but that has been in no way through the eagerness of buyers, but through undoubted excellence in the stock offered and unceasing industry on the part of the man in the rostrum. Suppose, for example, that silver gains the day in the coming election, what are we to expect in this section by June of next year? With money as tight as it almost inevitably would be, not only would yearlings, no matter what their quality, be a drug on the market, but race horses in training would be to all intents and purposes unmarketable. However, apart from such disasters, there is a slackness now apparent, not so much affecting the present as the future of racing. Should Don de Oro succeed in putting the Derby to his credit, an enormous revival of interest would result. Thus, were it not a certainty that Mr. Belmont will have the good wishes of every man, woman or child who cares a jot about racing for his own sake, he would command a universal volley of sympathy as the representative of the national cause.

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A case to which the officials of the National Hunt Association should direct their attention at their earliest convenience is that of J. H. Lewis, Jr. Mr. Lewis had applied for a reopening of his case, but nothing has been done. As a matter of fact his disclaiming was brought about in a shadowy kind of way, and nothing was alleged against him that would make it seem necessary, or even desirable, to keep him off the turf for an indefinite period. Anyhow, it is certain that far greater sinners have been taken back into the fold. It is not fair to Mr. Lewis to refuse to reopen his case for a hearing, at any rate. He has at the present time horses in training for cross country work, and he would be a valuable addition to the owners, for he was always a clever man with a horse. Times have changed very considerably since his affair occurred, and it would at least be only reasonable and fair to give him a chance under the new regime.

Another case which, however, has nothing to do with the N. H. A., but is in the province of the Jockey Club, and has been a great deal talked about among horsemen, is that of M. J. Daly. The stewards of the Jockey Club recently again refused his trainer's license, stating that they saw no reason for reversing the original decision in his case. This was the St. Michael affair at Sheepshead Bay, and it may be said without fear of contradiction that not one practical horseman out of fifty believed that Daly was guilty of sharp or dishonest practice. The statements of those most likely to know the real facts of the case—the men who would have made money if there had been anything on foot—are directly to the contrary. Garrison, for example, was set down on general principles, but his penalty was short-lived as compared with Daly's. There is no doubt that the stewards would be doing a generally popular thing if they were to put him in good standing again. At best, St. Michael was one of those horses that are liable to get a poor man ruled off any time and create a lot of nasty talk, even about a man of the first rank on the turf.

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The retirement of Henry of Navarre and Handspring removes for the time-being two horses that we can ill spare when we are so very badly off for high-class performers. There seems but little prospect that either will be seen out till the Fall campaign opens at the "big tracks." Class is most assuredly conspicuous only by its absence almost every day we have racing. There are very few good old horses. So far our three-year-olds have panned out very poorly, and to judge from what we have seen our two-year-olds will not do to boast about. Don de Oro stands pre-eminent and even his defeat in the Great American has not detracted seriously from his reputation. But which two-year-old shall we put next? Requital will not have to prove a world-beater to hold the three-year-olds as Don de Oro seems to hold the younger division.

The plain English of the thing is that our two-year-olds are raced to death. The matter has gone from bad to worse, as it would in the natural course of events, being once fairly started, until managers of race meetings have to look to the two-year-olds to make up their programmes. The matter requires no argument, for it proves itself every day we go racing. What the end will be unless the Jockey Club summarily interferes is hard to tell, but assuredly it will involve not alone a great deterioration of our racing, but eventually of our breeding stock. This is no new question, but the condition of affairs has never before been so evident. It will be ten thousand pities if the year closes without the passage of a rule limiting the number of two-year-old races in the Spring. Above all, no false sympathy with the owner should be allowed to interfere with the real interests of the sport and the future of the American thoroughbred.

FRANCIS TREVELYAN.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Presence of Many Western Horses Is Adding Interest to the Sport.

The programme offered for the four days' racing that will be furnished by the Coney Island Jockey Club this week is rich in attractions. Not alone have the overnight events conditions that assure good fields, but the list of stakes gives every indication of a series of brilliant contests.

The arrival of Mr. M. F. Dwyer's horses and a number of others that have been racing in the West and in Canada lends additional zest to the sport. The showing made thus far by the representatives of the West shows that they are well able to compete for honors with the pick of the Eastern stables. The Commoner's showing on Saturday caused some to lose faith in him, but they are hardly justified in condemning him on this race. He was carrying a lot of weight, and was at the post a full half hour, during which he was hauled and tugged about by the starter's assistant in an effort to get him to break. Moreover, when the flag did fall, he was last, which means much when one considers that he was meeting the crack sprinters of the all-aged division. His race in the Suburban was too good to set him aside as of ordinary merit without another chance to show his mettle.

Among the two-year-olds, Ornament's victory in the Double Event stamps him a colt of high class, and rumor has it that there are several still in reserve that are able to keep pace with him in work. If they run in public up to this private form the question of supremacy among the youngsters is sure to bring some interesting contests.

Tuesday's fixtures are the Spring Stakes, for two-year-olds, and the Tidal Stakes, for three-year-olds. The latter will probably bring about a meeting between Hastings and Requital. Margrave and Hamilton II. are also eligible, but their chances hardly call for consideration if the first named pair start. Both have a host of admirers, and if they meet a great crowd is sure to be present.

Wednesday's card will be made up of five overnight events and the Surf Stakes, for two-year-olds. This stake is a selling affair, but with Salvado, Dr. Jim, Arbuckle, Lithos, Cassengis, Rodermond and Successful among the likely starters a good race is assured.

The attractions for Friday are the June Stakes, for two-year-olds, and the Spindrift Stakes, a handicap for three-year-olds. Weights for the latter will be announced on Wednesday.

With the Great Trial Stakes, for two-year-olds, which has a guaranteed value of $20,000; the Sheepshead Bay Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, and a steeplechase over the full course included in Saturday's card, a grand day's sport is certain. In the Trial Stakes Don de Oro and Octagon represent the Belmont Stable, Bastian, George Kessler, Salvado, San Mateo, Winged Foot, Gresham, The Friar, Ornament and Rodermond are all in, and so are a number of debutants who are whispered about as cracks, which means another step toward settling the question of supremacy among the two-year-olds.

Sheepshead Bay Stakes.

The Coney Island Jockey Club announces a list of sixteen stakes to be run for at its Fall meeting. Of these six are for two-year-olds, three for three-year-olds and seven for three-years-olds and upward. In each and every race the events are of a guaranteed cash value, which makes it probable that they will not be expensive events to the club, though many of them may be considerably in excess of their guaranteed values. These range from $2,000 to $1,500. The stakes will close Wednesday, July 15.

OPPOSED TO CONDITIONS.

Western Horsemen Do Not Approve of Those of the Derby.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 28.—Before the Latonia meeting began Secretary Hopper insisted that he had the only real Derby in America for the opening day, and the race would be a treat for race-goers. He meant that the distance was the full Derby route, one mile and a half, and the conditions, as they were originally made years ago: "For three-year-olds, weight for age." These conditions might have been suitable in days gone by, but will hardly do at the present time if an interesting contest is to be seen. They made the Latonia Derby a gallop for a horse who far outclassed the balance of the field. If there had been penalties and allowances, as there were in all the others run on the circuit, the race would have been more pleasing to the crowd, who came to witness it and been a drawing card for another occasion. As it was, Ben Brush, with 122 pounds, was more than a match for Ben Eder, Loki, Semper Ego and Howard Mann at the same weights, and they came home in duck fashion, without the semblance of a struggle on the part of any of them. The last named, with a feather on his back, was whipped out to beat a lot of cheap selling platers a few days before the Derby. What chance had he then of making a showing with Ben Brush at equal weights? Loki was decisively beaten when in receipt of 18 pounds from Ben Brush in the Buckeye at Oakley. It was hardly reasonable to suppose that he would make a closer race or even as good a one with weight up, and yet the conditions made him carry his 122 pounds. Secretary Hopper can fill a programme about as well as any secretary in the country, but the Derby conditions will hardly do to make a good race. Had Prince Lief been carded or any other three-year-old who had shown Derby form, they might have answered. But it is so seldom you find over two good horses in the one year that they will hardly bring together the necessary field to make a good race. Had the same conditions existed at Milwaukee on Saturday Prince Lief would have had a very easy time of it, but the penalties and allowances brought the horses together more evenly and made the race a fairly interesting one.

Mr. McClelland's two-year-old colt Maceo, who won the Harold stakes yesterday in a gallop, carrying 123 pounds, seems to be a rare youngster. He has never yet been thoroughly extended, and he carries weight like a steeple chaser. His dam, Katydid, is by King Ban, out of Kate Duncan, by Stone Plover, and she out of Madeline, by Boston.

The stake events for this week are the Ripple, for three-year-olds, at a mile and a sixteenth, for Thursday, and the National Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, at a mile and three-sixteenths, for Saturday. The majority of the horses entered in the latter are not at the track, and the field will hardly be a large one. The foreign book at the track is handling the Sheepshead, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Sheffield races and doing as good a business as the local ring. In fact, there are a great number who confine their speculations entirely to the Eastern races, as they find the game here a hard and losing one.

Entries at Latonia.

First Race—Selling; six furlongs.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
596	Geo. W. Bailey	108	549	Motilla	92
607	Half Mine	105	609	Travis	92
606	Glad	103	537	Brown Jewel	92
567	Isabel	98	608	Cecil	87
549	Dorothy	92	592	Princess Prim.	87

Second Race—One mile.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
514	Black Silk	112	608	Prairie	104
555	Resplendent	107	570	Miss Maxim	100
——	Raymond	105	492	Lufra	100
108	Jerry Mack	105	598	Miss S.	95

Third Race—Selling; five furlongs.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
577	Lady Rover	106	556	Dulcenia	99
192	Ella	106	599	Forfeit	97
568	Ringer	106	611	The Blossom	97
606	Carlotta G.	105	——	Queen of Liars	97
256	Turtle Dove	101	538	Mertie Reed	97

Fourth Race—Selling; one mile and a quarter.

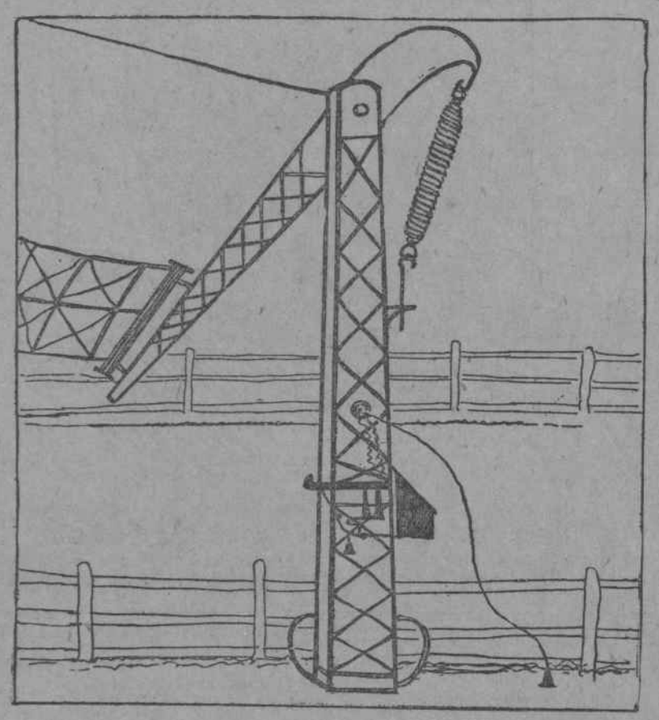
Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
557	Voorhees	109	557	Grannan	105
600	Le Banjo	107	——	Buckmore	104
608	Rasper	106			

Fifth Race—Five furlongs.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
597	The Planet	112	554	Gammadion	105
536	The Autocrat	112	591	Tupelo	107
538	Argonaut	112	210	Casalain	107
——	King Morgan	112	——	Princess Opal	107
591	Three Bars	112	——	Hickory Leaf	107
464	Elataw	112	212	Will Wallace	107
——	Covington, Ky.	112	——	El Troubio	107
597	Risque	112	——	What Er Lon	107
579	Capt. Pelrsal	109	477	Dick G.	104
——	Holy Number	107			

Sixth Race—Six furlongs.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	Index.	Horse.	Wt.
555	Cyclone	111	520	Anna Garth	100
608	Mate	108	558	Kowalski	97
570	Springvale	107	600	The Merchant	97
555	Carrie Lyle	105	481	Remnant II.	94
539	Lucy Lee	106			



Dill-Schulte Starting Machine.

The Western racing associations have for the most part selected the starting machine owned by M. H. Dill and W. F. Schulte, president of the New Louisville Jockey Club, as the best for practical purposes. With this view the majority of those who saw it operated at Gravesend agree, and the chances seem to be that it will ultimately gain as firm a footing around New York as elsewhere.

The machine consists of two lattice iron posts, twelve feet high by six inches square. Fastened to the top of each post is a lattice iron arm working in steel bearings. On the top and in the rear of each post is a heavy extension spring, which fastens to a long threaded pin. This can be raised or lowered in order to make the spring any strength desired for lifting the arms. The barrier is made of heavy staging, meshed, and has rattan sticks placed one foot apart. This barrier is fastened to rollers at each end, so that it is possible to wind it up, and not only keep it taut, but make it fit any width of track desired. In each post is fastened a magnetic drop catch, and the connections to these are made by a double electric cord running across the track and from the top of the machine. A box containing dry cell batteries is hung on one post and connected with the magnets. An electric button on the same post has a double electric cord, to the end of which is fastened a push button. This cord can be of any length desired, and the button the starter holds in his hand. Should he see a horse charging into the machine, all he has to do is to push the button, and the barrier is instantly removed. This is the only machine of its kind that is portable. A pair of plugs are put into the ground at every starting point and made to project one and a half feet above the surface. On these plugs the machine is lifted. It only requires ten minutes to set it up, and it can be moved after every race. Thus it requires only one machine to do the work.

TROTTING OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT.

Grand Circuit Entries Are Numerous and Include All the Speedy Ones.

This Week's Trotting Carnival at Washington Park Preliminary to the Opening at Saginaw.

GRAND RAPIDS AND WINDSOR NEXT.

Simultaneous Meetings at Buffalo and Indianapolis, but There Is Enough Speed Available for Good Sport at Each.

If we are to take the trotting and pacing of the past month as any indication of what might be expected later on when the trotting season is at its zenith, and the big meetings are in progress, the year 1896 will prove the most successful in the history of the sport.

Never before, so early in the season, has there appeared as great a number of really high-class performers at both gaits as have shown up during the past few weeks in the early meetings, both East and West.

A mile in 2:08½ was recorded during the recent meeting at Omaha by the pacer Joe, and 2:10 has already been shown in the East. The number that have paced close to 2:10 and shown their ability to go much faster is remarkable. While the trotters do not as a rule come to their speed so early as the pacers, yet there have been several who have come close to the 2:12 mark, and even in the slow classes heats in 2:15 and better have been of common occurrence.

With the Spring meetings showing such exceptional speed, not only in isolated cases, but at almost every meeting and in all classes, it must necessarily be expected that when the big purses and stakes of the Grand Circuit are the prizes to be gained the class of the contestants and the speed which will be exhibited will, unless all signs fail, surpass that of any previous year.

Then, too, it is well known that the cream of the racing stables are reserved for these events; indeed, many of the trainers have not started a single horse as yet, confining their energies entirely to putting their pupils in condition for these races, knowing well that extreme speed and condition only will secure any part of the money.

While the Grand Circuit proper does not open until the 14th of July, with the Saginaw (Mich.) meeting, this week's trotting carnival under the auspices of the Northwestern Breeders' Association at Washington Park, Chicago, really inaugurates the great trotting meets of 1896.

Following Washington Park the stables have the choice of two high-class meetings to fill in the week prior to the initial circuit meeting at Saginaw. These are Grand Rapids, Mich., and Windsor, Ont., both of which have been arranged on a Grand Circuit scale, and are within easy shipping distance of Saginaw.

Following Saginaw and each occupying a week, are Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and finally New York, where the circuit will be wound up, unless Philadelphia shall come to the front with a meeting at Belmont or Point Breeze, which is very improbable, as the anti-pool selling legislation in Pennsylvania is even more stringent and has had a more depressing effect than in this State.

This was the plan, as originally arranged by the stewards of the Grand Circuit at a time when it was generally supposed that neither Buffalo nor Rochester would give meetings, and when New York alone upheld the Eastern end of the great chain, of which Buffalo, Rochester, Hartford and New York were but a few years ago, prior to adverse legislation, the most powerful members. Since this programme was laid out, however, Buffalo has boldly entered the arena and announced its determination to give a meeting, and, with its old-time energy and liberality, offered a list of purses which will bear favorable comparison with those of any of the members of the "big ring." Then, too, Rochester will undoubtedly be to the fore with a meeting which will complete the Eastern chain and make continuous racing in the old circuit line up to the final meeting of the grand chain at Fleetwood.

As Buffalo has taken the same dates as those assigned by the circuit stewards to Indianapolis, there will necessarily be a division of the stables after the Fort Wayne meeting, but there will be such a vast number of horses in training for the various classes that a division of the stables can easily be made and still leave abundant high class material for both places, so that there will be no appreciable difference in the quality of the racing.

As to the meeting at Fleetwood, nothing need be feared, for the great stables, trainers and horses will all get together again for the New York meeting, and the cream of the trotting turf will wind up the grand circuit of 1896, over the grades and hills of Fleetwood's famous track.

A most satisfactory evidence of the strength and popularity of trotting is that, despite the depressing effect of discouraging legislative action and the unsatisfactory condition of business generally, which it would naturally be supposed would have a powerful effect upon the sport from a financial standpoint, there has not, in years, been a season which gave greater promise of substantial success than this.

The enterprise of the association, under the circumstances, in offering purses and stakes quite as large, and in some instances even larger, than heretofore, has been fully rewarded by the grand support accorded by the horse owners. The entries throughout the entire circuit are something unprecedented, surpassing in numbers and quality anything that was even hoped for when times were at their best.

The general quality of the entries throughout the circuit is indicated by those which will participate in the Breeders' meeting at Chicago, commencing to-day, though, as a matter of course, many high class horses will be reserved until later on.

Aside from the prospective candidates for record honors which will be reserved for special events, such as Robert J., 2:01¼; Fantasy, 2:06; John R. Gentry, 2:03¾; Joe Patchen, 2:04, etc., which will practically open their season's campaign during the week, there will be many other well-known performers. Frank Agan, Tom Ogden, Afrite, Joe He, Direction, Coleridge, W. W. P., etc., may be named among the entries in the free-for-all pace.

Frank Agan, it will be remembered, outwriggled Robert J., Joe Patchen and Gentry at Louisville a year ago, when he took his record of 2:03¾. Joe He, the Chinese horse, as he has been rechristened on account of his heathenish name, has already gone in 2:08¼ this season; Afrite was reported to be a world beater early in the season, having been reported as showing close to a 2:00 clip in her work, while several of the others are known to be fast enough to make things exceedingly interesting.

In the 2:11 trot are Pat L., who is reported to be a sure enough candidate for the stallion record; the Empire Stud's Bouncer, Knap McCarthy's Fleetwood trained Rifle and others who have shown good form.

In the slower classes and the stakes are several who have exhibited high quality and from among whom may be expected to come future free-for-all timber. Some who have shown promise in that direction are Nutbreaker, Jr., who would seem to have the 2:25 pace at his mercy; Sir Edwin Arnold, another handy side-wheeler; Newburger, who took a record of 2:19¼ his first start, and whom Splan says is as fast as a ghost, is entered in the 2:40 and 2:30 classes; Kate Greenlander, in the 2:15 pace; Quality and Geddes in the 2:19 trot, etc.

The prime attraction of the week will, of course, be the match between Patchen and Gentry, which is down for Thursday.

AUCTION SALES TO COME.

THE EASTON COMPANY—The Rancocas yearlings, at Sheepshead Bay, June 29 and 30.

BORN IN THE PURPLE.

Rancocas Stud Yearlings to Be Auctioned Off To-day and To-morrow a Grand Lot.

The yearlings from the Rancocas Stud, which will be sold at auction to-day, are a fair average lot, the majority being of good sires. As usual, Dr. Carter sends them up in the very best condition.

No. 1—The first to enter the ring will be a sturdy looking bay colt, by Sensation, out of Alcina, dam of Speculation. This is a big-boned, lengthy, powerful colt, with a resolute, game look to him.

No. 2—A chestnut colt, by Sensation, out of Sophronia, dam of Locohatchee, and four other winners. This is a colt of good size, and is a bloodlike, racy looker.

No. 3—A lengthy, deep girthing bay colt, by Sensation, out of imp. Happy Day, by Coeruleus. This colt, who comes of a winning family, stands on rare feet and legs, and is a most desirable sort.

No. 8—A wiry, clean-cut, brown colt, by Emperor, out of Pontchartrain, dam of The Empress and Frank R. Harf, second dam Auginoria, dam of Pontiac and Pontico. This colt is full brother to Frank R. Harf, who won sixteen races as a two-year-old, and has been winning ever since. The youngster under notice, however, needs no recommendation on his relationship, as he will sell himself, and, barring accidents, will have lots of brackets to his credit by this time next year.

No. 9—A brother to Flush, and a half-brother to several other winners, is a big-quartered, strong-backed, good looking bay colt, by Emperor, out of Floretta, by Alarm, second dam that great race mare Flora McIvor, by Lexington.

No. 10—A smooth turned chestnut colt, by The Sailor Prince, out of Heiress, dam of Hero.

No. 18—A neat, bloodlike brown colt, by Locohatchee, out of Ilogo, sister to Prince Imperial.

No. 47—Chestnut gelding, by Locohatchee, out of Oppoponax. This is a lengthy, racy looker, a bit light framed, but is an improving sort.

Among the fillies there are some rare good ones, and in this connection it is surely a mistake for horsemen to allow good-looking and well-bred fillies to go begging, as has been the case at the recent sales, as with such two-year-old performers in the field as Rhodesia, Royal Rose, Caseopia, Suisun, Cleophus and the recent winners, Divide, Successful, Loyaletta, Tripping, Nina Louise and Winged Foot, the sex certainly makes a good showing and more than holds its own, considering the way in which it is outnumbered. Have owners already forgotten such brilliant performers as Butterflies, Yorkville Belle, Hickson, Correction, Fides and a host of others, not to speak of the great race mares, Firenzi, Miss Woodford, Thora, etc.?

The fillies will have their revenge in being thus ignored, and those investing in the right sort will be on a short cut to fame and fortune.

The result of the Easton Company's sales have so far been surprising, as, in addition to the fact that fillies go a-begging, such heretofore liberal buyers as the Messrs. Keene, August Belmont, Colonel J. Ruppert, M. F. Dwyer and others are not in the market, the splendid average of close to $600 has been reached for upward of 250 yearlings that have already been knocked down.

If the racing associations could only see their way to promptly raise their purses 50 per cent, the above surprising average would not only be maintained, but improved in the sales yet to take place.

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The weather at the Long Island tracks yesterday morning was decidedly fickle, and showers alternating. The air was raw and chilly and the going slow, being dead and cuppy.

AT GRAVESEND.

M. F. DWYER.—Ben Brush, Ben Eider, Lady Inez, Cleophus and Harry Reed did walking exercise in the infield. This string arrived at Gravesend about 8 p. m. Saturday night, and are all looking fairly well, having stood the journey nicely.

C. FLEISCHMANN & SON.—Shakespeare II. went five furlongs in 1:08. Lehman breezed six furlongs in 1:18. Doomful went five furlongs in 1:05, and Haphazard the same distance in 1:04¾. Frank Loubet, who was working in company with Doomful, had to be pulled up after going three furlongs, as she was bleeding from the mouth.

A. CLASON.—Cassette went a mile and a furlong in 2:08.

W. M. WALLACE.—Amiable and Pannure went six furlongs handily in 1:18¾.

C. LITTLEFIELD, JR.—Bonaparte and Bombazette covered a mile together in 1:47.

J. E. SEAGRAM.—Muzzleman went five furlongs handily in 1:05. Saragossa, Morpheus, Silk Gown, and Golden Badge did steady gallops.

J. A. BENNETT.—Doggett went a mile in 1:47, and worked out a mile and a furlong in about 2:03.

R. M. MURRAY.—Tinge romped along a mile in 1:49½.

TROWBRIDGE & CO.—Lithos breezed five furlongs in 1:08½.

R. LOUD—Myrtle C. went a mile in 0:52¾.

WILLIAM JENNINGS.—Dutch Skater covered a mile and a furlong in 2:04. Hawarden went a mile in 1:48.

M. T. STEPHENSON.—Navahoe went a mile in 1:52.

EUGENE LEIGH.—Patrician covered a mile handily in 1:49½.

R. ROYLE.—Septond worked a mile in 1:49¾, and pulled up a little lame.

AT SHEEPSHEAD BAY.

Lots of useful work was done.

BROOKDALE STABLE.—Requital went a mile in 1:50. This colt looks bigger than he did a month ago, and, although he may not be at his best on the day the Realization is run, he will go to the post in surprisingly good trim, considering the setbacks he has had since going into training this Spring.

BLEASTON STABLE—Hastings was sent a mile in 1:44. At the distance the Realization is run, one mile and five furlongs, it looks as if it will be a virtual match between him and Requital. With both horses fit and well on the day of the race they will prove a host in themselves. Hurlet, who appeared to be their most dangerous opponent, will not start, as, although he is doing fairly well, his sickness has left him so weak that he cannot go five furlongs at a racing clip, and the only thing to be done is to go slow and carefully with him in the Fall.

C. F. PATTERSON—Ornament did cantering exercise. I had a look at this colt after he was unsaddled and the improvement in his appearance since he won a week ago is most marked. He looks fifty pounds heavier than then. His trainer wisely let up on him after his race, and that he had been much benefited by the rest is apparent and he is likely to be a five-pound better horse on Saturday next. Mr. Patterson refused an offer of $15,000 for the colt, as he reckons on him improving on his Double Event form, and even in the event of his defeat in the Great Trial Stakes he thinks he will have a great chance in the Futurity, for which his weight would be 112 pounds. Ornament, who is just a little over 15.2, is a lengthy, nicely balanced colt, with a beautiful shoulder and a lot of length in front of the saddle. He girths well for one of his inches, has lots of flying power, and shows a great deal of quality. He is one of the kind that stands close inspection, and judging by his improved appearance, his chance of winning the rich Trial Stakes looks very rosy.

J. E. MADDEN—Chelsea, half brother to Hastings, and who was on the ailing list for some time, is now close to racing fettle. He is a lengthy, good looker on the Longfellow type, and is likely to prove a race horse.

Eakins, in A. J. Joyner's string, seems to be affected in the same way as Hazlet and other horses in the string who were so sick, and at the present time it does not seem probable that this highly bred colt will amount to much this season.

A. H. & D. H. MORRIS—Formal went a mile in 1:45. The Friar was sent six furlongs in 1:16⅘, which was very fast, considering the condition of the track. In the Great Trial Stakes run for on Saturday next, advantage will be taken of the allowances he will have, and every post be made a winning one, and not waited with, as was the case in the Double Event, so that if The Friar keeps all right until that day the pace will be a scorcher of the track is good, as the Son of Friar's Balsam can travel a half mile inside of 0:48.

J. J. HYLAND sent Don de Oro and Octagon six furlongs in 1:19, both finishing strong.

KELSTON.

Turf Queries.

D. O. L., Antwerp, N. Y.—One mile in 1:35½.

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F. J. B.—He is not doing business.

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A. D. P.—It would be illegal.

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A. H. P., Brooklyn—$5,850.

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Bently—We cannot give you much information. In Venezuela they race only one day a week for a comparatively short season, we believe, at Caracas. In the other places you mention there has never been to our knowledge a responsible racing venture. We do not think you would find any opening in either country. Leslie Washburn, who is riding at the outlaw tracks, can tell you about Venezuela.

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Robinson, J.—We never heard of him as a jockey, but he may have ridden at some of the smaller meetings.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 27.

Third day of the Spring meeting of the Latonia Jockey Club. Weather cloudy and rainy. Track slow. Track good until fifth race.

607—FIRST RACE—Purse $400; for three-year-olds and upward; selling. One mile. Time—1:42¼.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	¾ M.	⅞ M.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Open.	Closing.
590	Annalyle	87	4	1h	2¹	1²	1½	1h	Dupee	6	7
558	Countess Irma	106	3	3h	4	2²	2½	2³	Thorpe	3	9-2
537	Judith	110	6	4	3h	3¹	3²	3²	Van Keuren	2	8-5
——	Seabrooke	96	1	6	5	4	4	4	C. Reiff	30	100
590	Jas. Monroe	97	2	5	6	5	5	5	Scherer	4	7
556	Half Mine	107	5	2²	1¹	6	6	6	Bibbs	100	300
(492)	Provasco	111	7	7	7	7	7	7	Ray	2	3

Start good. Won driving. Winner bay filly by Strathmore—Kingcup.

608.—SECOND RACE—Purse $400; for three-year-olds and upward; selling. One mile and 70 yards. Time—1:47½.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	¾ M.	⅞ M.	Fin	Jockeys.	Betting. Open	Closing.
569	Sir Dilke	95	3	1½	1²	1¹	1²	1²	Dupee	1-3	1-3
595	Ondague	106	6	6	6	3h	2²	2²	Thorpe	8	10
555	Rasper	108	2	5	5	5	4	3¹	R. Will'ms.	4	7
267	Cecil	88	5	4	4	4	3h	4	J. Ross	30	60
595	Mate	109	1	2¹	3½	6	5	5	Scherer	10	15
596	Prairie	102	4	3²	2h	2h	6	6	A. Isom	50	100

Start good. Won easily. Winner chestnut colt by Pirate of Penzance—Dilsey.

609.—THIRD RACE—Purse $500; for three-year-olds and upward. Six furlongs. Time—1:15¼.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	⅝ M.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Open.	Closing.
557	Urania	107	5	4	4	3²	1h	Scherer	1	9-10
590	Egbert	110	1	1h	3²	1h	2¹½	R. Will'ms.	6	12
(552)	Robinson	108	3	2h	1h	2½	3h	Thorpe	8	15
(526)	Sallie Cliquot	96	4	3²	2½	4	4	Dupee	7-5	2
——	Sir Vassar	101	2	6	5	5	5	C. Reiff	5	15
——	Travis	94	6	5	6	6	6	Fowler	50	100

Start good. Won cleverly. Winner chestnut filly by Hanover—Wanda.

610.—FOURTH RACE—The Harold Stakes for two-year-old colts; guaranteed value $2,500. Five furlongs. Time—1:02.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	¾ M.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Open.	Closing.
(551)	Maceo	123	2	2h	1h	1¹	1¹	Thorpe	1-12	1-10
503	Irby B.	108	3	3	3	2²	2²	R. Will'ms.	6	7
(591)	Protus	113	1	1¹	2²	3	3	Van Keuren	20	40

Start good. Won under a pull. Winner bay colt by Sir Dixon—Katydid.

611.—FIFTH RACE—Purse $400; for two-year-old fillies. Five furlongs and a half. Time 1:10½.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	¾ M.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Open.	Closing.
(503)	Eugenia Wickes	118	3	3h	4	2½	1h	Thorpe	1-2	3-5
538	Charina	107	2	6	6	5	2²	Scherer	4	3
594	The Blossom	107	5	4	3²	3²	3²	A. Isom	15	40
564	Cappy	107	4	2¹	1²	1²	4	C. Mathews	10	25
——	Altanera	109	1	1h	2¹	4	5	R. Will'ms.	10	20
——	Prima	107	8	8	8	6	6	Van Keuren	30	30
536	Ironmistress	107	7	7	7	7	7	Ray	10	15
556	Fessy F.	107	6	5	5	6	8	Wilson	20	50

Start fair. Won driving. Winner bay filly by Kantaka—Genevieve.

612.—SIXTH RACE—Purse $300; for maiden three-year-olds and upward. Six furlongs. Time—1:17¾.

Index	Horses.	Wt.	St.	¼ M.	½ M.	¾ M.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Open.	Closing.
598	Gov. Boles	102	4	5	4	1²	1¹	A. Isom	2	4
——	Sam Tate	105	3	2h	3²	3h	2²	Scherer	5	10
381	Hoodwink	105	7	6	6	5	3²	Thorpe	7-5	7-5
——	Flora Ballard	100	6	3h	2¹	4	4	J. Perkins	20	30
596	Coffee Pot	95	5	11	8	8	5	Alexander	20	100
254	Asaph	97	2	1½	1h	2h	6	Huston	3	4
100	Martin	100	12	9	9	7	7	C. Mathews	10	8
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