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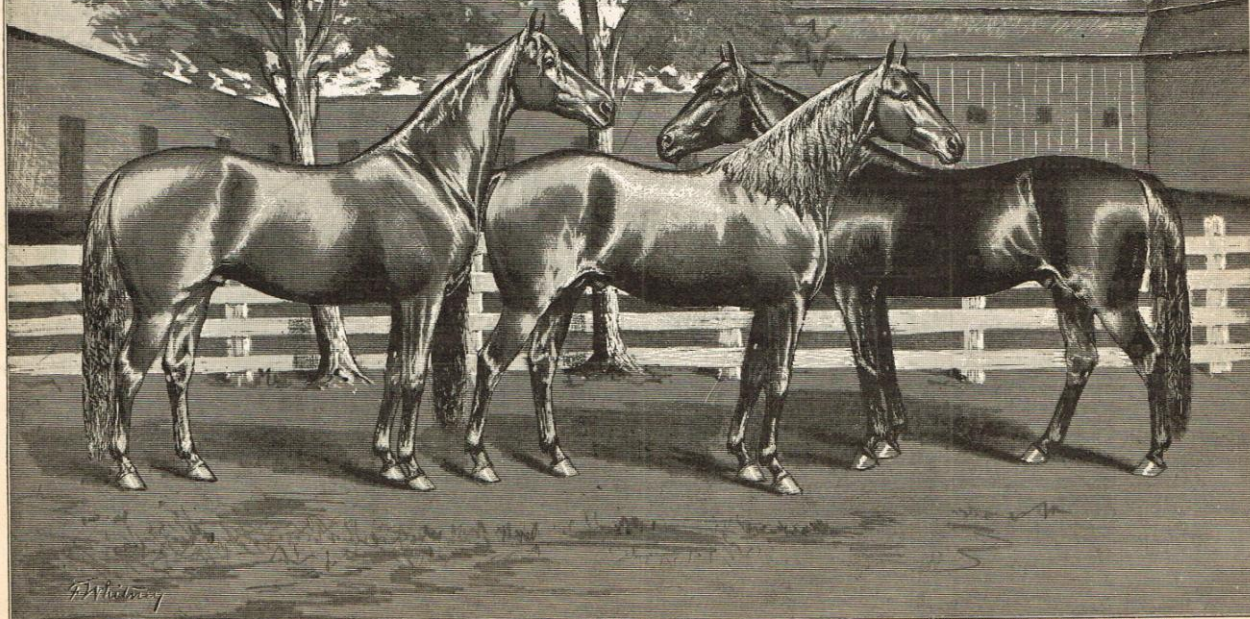
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CHICAGO, THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

AMUSEMENTS.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.—Daniel Shelby, Manager.—"Ticket-of-Leave-Man."

McVICKER'S THEATRE.—J. H. McVicker, Manager.—"A Run of Luck."

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HOOLEY'S THEATRE.—R. M. Hooley, Manager.—"Little Puck."

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STANDARD THEATRE.—John P. Hill, Manager.—Comedy.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Daniel Shelby, Manager.—"McKenna's Filtration."

PEOPLES' THEATRE.—Jo. Bayles, Manager.—"Our Angel."

CRITERION THEATRE.—"Soap Bubble."

CASINO THEATRE.—"He and She."

NEW OLYMPIA THEATRE.—Variety Performance.

ALCAZAR THEATRE.—Variety Performance.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Variety Performance.

PANORAMA.—Battle of Shiloh; 8 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

PANORAMA.—Jerusalem on the Day of the Crucifixion; 8 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

PANORAMA.—Battle of Gettysburg; 8 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

DIME MUSEUMS.—Kohl & Middleton's, South Side, Clark Street, West Side, Madison Street. Stanhope & Epstein, Randolph and Clark Streets.

ASHLAND PARK STUD FARM.

Progress is the watchword at Ashland Park. Each successive year shows marked improvement. The breeding is progressive in character, and marked improvement is seen in the high type of the stock shown. The superiority of the conveniences for doing business and the care of stock are noticeable. There are new barns, new sheds, new paddocks, new fences and more land, and all of these improvements are substantial in character, and are models of comfort and convenience. The proprietor, Mr. B. J. Treacy, is a self-made, practical man. He has bred trotters, and has himself trained and driven them. He is a cosmopolitan breeder, and while he has three first-class stallions of choice breeding and marked individuality, he does not confine his breeding operations to them, but breeds his mares to noted stallions whose blood lines, conformation, action and temperament he believes will produce the best results. In other words, if there is anything good in the market he wants some of it, and he brings to bear his excellent judgment and past experience as to what horses will produce the best results with the mares he has to breed. It results from this eminently sensible plan of operation that he has constantly on hand the choicest individuals by the most noted stallions before the public, and from mares selected with regard to the proper blood-lines and suitable conformation.

Does a purchaser desire a Dictator, he is sure to find a grand one at Ashland Park. Does he wish to purchase a Red Wilkes, he will find high-bred ones at Ashland Park. Does he wish for a Happy Medium, there are no better specimens of the family than Barney can show, and so on to the end of the list. Mr. Treacy gives to the purchaser the best results acquired from years of practical experience and observation, both in training and breeding. In his breeding methods Mr. Treacy is extremely practical. He breeds with a purpose and for a specific object, and that is to produce with uniformity the very highest type of the pure-gaited trotter. He breeds for solid colors, he breeds for elegance of form, he breeds for good size, hardy constitutions, the best of legs and feet, and to fix beyond a peradventure the trotting instinct, and it is safe to say there is in all the land no one establishment which can show so many superb specimens of high-bred trotting animals by so many noted sires as can be seen at Ashland Park.

Quite recently we were at Ashland Park, and in company with Mr. Charles Caffrey and a large party of gentlemen from Philadelphia and Baltimore, had the pleasure of witnessing the grand display of yearlings and two and three-year-old colts which it is Mr. Treacy's fortune to own. Mr. Treacy caused to be led out and ranged in line a number of three-year-old stallions, each by a different sire, each an excellent individual, each one of solid color and high breeding. They were thoroughly inspected and their breeding explained, and then were removed, while a similar group of two-year-olds replaced them, they in turn were followed by a group of fillies. It was a grand sight, and it was universally conceded by the admiring group of visiting horsemen that never before had they seen such a sight. Their superior quality was remarked upon, and excited the outspoken admiration of all present, and it was evident they were among the very choicest specimens of their respective families. What was especially noticeable was their uniformity as to color, soundness, high style, and superb legs and feet.

We confess in all our experience we have never seen such a sight. In the group of three-year-olds we saw one of the most magnificent sons of Dictator we have ever seen, and taken for all in all we think he is the most richly-bred son of the great horse we have ever seen. It was Alma Tadem, foaled in 1885, by Dictator, first dam by Harold; second dam Betsey Trotwood (the dam of Phyllis), by Clark Chief; third dam by Erickson. It will be seen he is bred like the great Phyllis, 2:13½, with the additional introduction of the very valuable Harold cross. This is a most elegant colt and a trotter, and should be a prize for the track or stud.

William S. is a horse of great beauty, substance and symmetrical

confirmation. He is by Messenger Chief (sire of Maud Messenger, 2:16½), dam by Mambrino Foster (son of Mambrino Patchen); second dam by Ashland Chief (sire of Black Cloud, 2:17¾). He should be a valuable horse, as he is exceptionally good-gaited.

Ray Boyd is a grand young horse. He is by Harold (sire of Maud S, 2:08¾), dam by Abdallah 15; second dam by Brown's Beltfounder. Red Wing, by the famous Red Wilkes, first dam by Alexander's Norman (sire of Lula, 2:15); second dam Japhet (sire of Prince Edward, 2:24¼); third dam by John Dillard (sire of dam of Phil Thompson, 2:16¼), is a grand solid bay colt of fine action and great substance. These were some of the horses which composed the grand group of three-year-olds which so excited our admiration.

In the two-year-old stallion exhibition there were some grand individuals of rich breeding. Among them was Ashwood, chestnut colt, by Nutwood, 2:18¾, first dam Flora Abdallah (dam of Katie Middleton 2:23), by Abdallah 15; second dam the dam of Banner Boy, 2:25¼, by Edward, pacer. This is a great colt, and to intelligent horsemen his pedigree needs no elaboration. Another superb one was Beechwood, by Nutwood, dam Fanny Cloud (full sister to the dam of Early Rose, 2:20¼). He is a rich bay in color, and is in every way a desirable colt. Broker, a brown colt of great style and substance, is by Banker, dam Nannie Dillard (dam of Reputation, yearling record half-mile in 1:24¼), and exhibition as a two-year-old of half-mile in 1:14.

Danville Wilkes is a brown colt, distinctively of the Wilkes type. He is by Lyle's Wilkes, first dam Madam Hess (full sister to London, 2:20¼), by Mambrino Patchen; second dam by Edwin Forrest; third dam by Mambrino Prince, son of Mambrino Chief 11. This is a rare one, being a superb representative of the great Wilkes-Patchen cross through speed-producing dams. Another great one was Liverpool, by Happy Medium, dam Becky, the dam of London, 2:20¼, by Edwin Forrest. To the intelligent breeder comment on this breeding is superfluous.

This list comprises some of the choicest of the magnificent two-year-old stallion group, the like of which it would be hard to find. The visitors were next shown a few rare fillies, among which were Copala, a ray-looking black filly of extreme speed, by Cuyler, dam by Allie West; second dam by Stanhope's Edwin Forrest; third dam by Mambrino Chief 11. We expect to write more fully in commendation of this one after the stakes are trotted in the fall.

Another nice one was Lunette, a bay filly, by Lumps, dam by George H. Thomas; second dam thoroughbred; third dam by Tom Crowder. She is simply perfection in make-up, and is purely of the Wilkes pattern. Mr. Treacy simply says in regard to her, he has never seen her equal. Last year as a two-year-old she trotted a quarter in 3¼ seconds. There were many others of great merit, but we will pass to the yearlings.

There is no better evidence that the spirit of improvement pervades Ashland Park than an inspection of the crop of colts from three-year-olds to yearlings. We have space for mention of only a few of them.

Bradstreet, bay colt, by Banker, dam by Star Mount, full brother to Hamlin's Mount, Jr., 2:26; second dam the dam of Bermuda, 2:22, by Mambrino Patchen, is simply one of the very best colts as to action and conformation we ever saw.

Delectus, black colt, by Dictator, dam Patti Patchen, the dam of Bermuda (trial 2:19), by Mambrino Patchen, is a colt of which any breeder might be proud.

Folsom, by Fayette Wilkes, first dam the dam of Lunette, by George H. Thomas, is a grand one.

Cora Whitney, chestnut filly, by Nutwood, dam Meteor, 2:31, by Clark Chief; second dam by Waxey; third dam by Gano, sire of dam of Lady Thon, 2:18¾, is a filly which would gladden the heart of any practical horseman.

Dolly Payne, bay filly, by Fayette Wilkes, dam own sister to Hamlin's Mount, Jr.; second dam by Blood's Black Hawk, is not only a richly-bred one but is individually worthy her royal lineage.

Fortunata, by Fayette Wilkes, dam by John Dillard, is a beauty and a trotter.

Tilly Brown, by Banker, sire of Bermuda, 2:22, dam own sister to Black Cloud, by Ashland Chief; second dam the dam of Black Cloud, 2:17¾, is a grand one.

The exhibition of the wonderful colt Red Fox, by Red Wilkes, dam a sister to Lady Foxe, 2:24¼, by Daniel Lambert; second dam by the Breed Horse, son of Vermont Black Hawk, was reserved for the grand finale. In make-up he combines the finish of the thoroughbred with the substance of the well-developed trotter. He was turned loose in a paddock, and it was the universal declaration of the visiting party that the speed shown, in connection with the wonderful pure trotting action, stamped him a phenomenon.

Returning to the stallions the party were shown the grand group of stallions which grace the Ashland Park Stud. First came Bermuda, 2:22, by Banker, dam by Mambrino Patchen. He is in superb health, and is a horse combining in a rare degree finish and substance. Every one is familiar with his yearling record of 2:29¼; two-year-old record 2:20¼, three-year-old record 2:04¼, and five-year-old record 2:02. He will make a limited season and be trotted in the fall.

Fayette Wilkes, trial October 9, 1886, 2:23½, sired by George Wilkes, dam Sally Hamlet, by Hamlet; second dam the dam of Coaster, 2:26½, by Canada Chief; third dam by Yorkshire, is called the handsomest Wilkes horse in the world. He is made up of the Wilkes and Volunteer characteristics, and is a wonderfully fine horse, and his foals are in great demand.

Thomas K. 1883, or Macey's Hambletonian, breeder's record 2:30, is a grand bay horse by Edward Everett (sire of Judge Fullerton, 2:18; Electric, 2:20; Sheridan, 2:20¼), dam Ruth, by Hambletonian 10. He was purchased by Mr. Treacy because of the most excellent action of some of his colts which had been brought to his notice. He is a grand horse, and will be in the stud at the very low figure of \$50 the season. The brood mares at the Park are a choice lot. Many of them are producers or out of producing dams and of fashionable brood mare blood lines; among them the dams of Katie Middleton, 2:23; London, 2:20¼; Bermuda, 2:22, and such young mares as the recent purchase, by Jay Gould, out of Lady Maid, 2:18¾, by General Knox.

Mr. Treacy is on the high road to a pronounced success, and always extends a cordial welcome to visitors.

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THE MICHIGAN CIRCUIT.

JACKSON, Mich., March 20, 1888.

ED. HORSEMAN:—Michigan has always been noted as a trotting-horse State, and in days gone by the veteran of to-day looked anxiously for the announcement of the dates of the four cities which were the most prominent in the State at that time. It is gratifying to the horsemen of Michigan to know that those cities have again joined hands for the common good, and the circuit formed at Grand Rapids on Saturday is receiving the good wishes of all. It will be known as the Michigan Trotting and Pacing Circuit, and the dates are as follows: Kalamazoo, June 26, 27, 28 and 29; Jackson, July 3, 4, 5 and 6; Grand Rapids, July 10, 11, 12 and 13; Saginaw, July 17, 18, 19 and 20. The purses and classes will be announced in next week's papers. The amount of the purses will be about \$25,000.

JOHN W. BOARDMAN, Circuit Secretary.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ENGLAND, March 15, 1888.

ED. HORSEMAN:—In accordance with the arrangement of the last racing fixture list for 1888 the opening of the season will take place as usual at Lincoln, in the week after next, and when once started the ball will be kept merrily rolling until the last Saturday in November. Thus eight months and one week will be devoted to the sport of kings, and though at present the outlook does not promise anything sensational, before the first week is over some extraordinary performance may take one's breath away. Not that this is very likely, as nothing but the Lincoln Handicap in the first week has any chance of furnishing something out of the common. For instance, if Merry Hampton were to win with the top weight, 8-12, or Harpenden run away with the race with 8-11, then there would be something to enlarge upon, but neither feat is likely to be accomplished, as at the very commencement of racing the weight-carriers do not display the excellence which they show when the season is advanced. It took such a horse as Bendigo all his time to win this race with 5-4, and he was much better in class than Harpenden, who has seven pounds more up, and is nearly favorite at 10 to 1. If the season was well advanced I should consider Harpenden to have a great chance, but knowing that if he can be got fit everything else in the race can, I am disposed to pass him over. Besides my Lambourn informant tells me that Le Calstier will be the chosen horse of the stable, and as if to confirm this intelligence he was introduced into the market at 40 to 1 to-day. Le Calstier has done nothing since winning the Great Ebor Handicap in 1886, but he is in the hands of a shrewd lot. Asplint is flustering between 20 to 1 and 30 to 1, and may be sent to the right-about or become a good favorite at any time. From what I hear this is not to be his journey, but that he will show his true form which I know he possesses, before many months are over is positive, as his trainer thinks it about time he was sent out. Methinks there would be a Jockey Club inquiry if this horse won the first big race of 1888. Oberon is in great demand at 9 to 1, and considering the way in which he won last year with seven pounds less, he is entitled to every respect. Isobard proved such a false investment last season that most people fight shy of him. However, he is let in this race with 7-4, and if he cannot win with that weight he is assuredly a rogue. Lady Musset has again returned to favor, and there a commission is to be executed this week. On her form with Gloriation she should possess a great chance. I have not forgotten how badly she served me in the Oaks. I fully anticipate Friday or Oberon to be returned the winner. Friday was the only three-year-old backed with spirit. His weight is 5-12 and his price 20 to 1. Three-year-olds are asked to do a big thing to win this race with any weight. Tommy Littlemouse, Jezreel, Royal Rose, Lisbon, Thunderstorm, Martley, Gloriation, Veracity, Mania, Tyrone, Hawthorn and Lobster have been more or less quoted. Tomans and Fulmen represent two previous winners, fairly pithforked into the race, but both seem to have lost all form. Ranny is treated leniently, and if meant should be right bang in the front. His people are of the sort to stand no interference. With these notes I leave the Lincoln Handicap until it has been decided.

With respect to the Grand National the wagering indulged in up to the present has been of the most lukewarm description. Ballot Box is a clear favorite at 8 to 1, then comes Chancellor, Gamecock and Ringlet at 14 to 1; Frigate, Old Joe, Badger, Union and Jeanie at 16 to 1, and Savoyard with some others at 20 to 1. Irrespective of market status I shall go straight for Savoyard or Ringlet to win.

The snows clearing away fast, and ere the week is out will have disappeared from the fields and hedges. Racing has been resumed joyfully, for at Kempton Park yesterday and to-day everything went off as happily as could be desired. Good fields were noticeable yesterday, and good racing resulted. There were a lot of seeders from the flat, including Wine & Sugar, Intruder, Stanislas and Sir Galahad, all of whom were running last season under Jockey Club rules. Sir Galahad is now a four-year-old. In his first season hopes were held that he would furnish us a flyer, but they were dispelled. Stanislas won a race handsomely at Manchester last summer. That horse with fair speed on the flat can carry everything before them over hurdles, be they ever so easy to negotiate, does not receive confirmation in results, and all the lot mentioned went down before a comparative nonentity in Trap, who several years ago bowled over Chiselhurst in the Easter hurdle handicap at Manchester. Chiselhurst was a hot favorite and had previously, amongst other performances, run second to Ostran in the St. Leger. Mr. Benzon appears to have better luck with common cast than good, and picks up as many £100 races as anybody else, but he does not gamble to the same money. Damsman and Magic, both engaged in the Grand National, turned out for the Stewards' steeplechase and played inferior parts. Magic is the property of the Prince of Wales. Damsman is owned by Mr. Benzon, who will run Gamecock in preference in the big steeplechase.

Friar's Balsam, having put out a small splint, has dropped back to 9 to 4 for the Derby, but nothing over 2 to 1 can begot to good money. Merry Hampton will certainly have a big go for the City and Suburban, and stands at 10 to 1. Eridspor, carrying eleven pounds less, figures at 12 to 1. I shall stand Eridspor to beat last year's Derby winner in this race. To return to the Derby I may mention that Ayrshire has come down to 6 to 1, while Osory is closing up to the front division, nothing over 9 to 1 being entertained. Hazlehat has turned roarer, and may be dismissed.

The Clydesdale Stallion Show held at Glasgow yesterday is the biggest of its kind in this country. There were 171 horses on show, estimated value £30,000, most of the animals ranking first-class. The second-class is poorly patronized. The Hunter's Improvement Society, whose show is held in conjunction with that of the Hackney Horse Society, was opened yesterday, and the animals on show were conspicuous for the better display of mares than stallions, as compared with other years. Nearly all the stallions shown at Nottingham were seen at Islington, and Pearl Diver, Knight Templar, Gumbo and Truefit, cast at Nottingham, were here passed as sound, certifiable goods, and retired premium winners. The Shire Horse Society is making great headway there, being at the present time of something like 1,200 members, with a capital only falling short of £1,000 by a few pounds, and a balance in the treasurer's hands of over £250. This is highly satisfactory for such a comparatively young institution, and shows the demand for this class of animal to be good. As a fact the Shire horse, which is a breed of itself, just as the Clydesdale and Suffolk, is preferred to those breeds by many breeders, it being claimed that the Shire horse will work longer and better than either, and will attempt to move loads that any other strain would not tackle with the same ease. Some breeders are experimenting for hunters with thoroughbreds and mares of the Stamps, Clydesdale, Cleveland and Shire, and of these experienced judges of my acquaintance advocate the Shire. A very big price has been paid this week by an American breeder for a stallion of this class.

The greatest sporting event of the year has been decided at last, after several postponements. The two first favorites were drawn together and on a three-legged hare the joint winner of last year won. He, Herschel, only got through three courses and then went down for the first time in his life before Barnaby, who only cost his present owner £30, and who won the stake right out. There are sixty-four