

outwards, and the heads should be imbedded in a crease in the shoe. After the shoe has been attached, some smiths rasp the whole outer surface of the hoof. This is a bad practice and should be condemned. The outer part of the hoof is harder, more compact than the rest, and is a kind of protection, serving to prevent too rapid absorption of the inner moisture.

Shoes should not be permitted to remain upon a horse too long at a time. Even if nothing apparently seems to be the matter, they should be removed occasionally and the foot given an opportunity to rest. If horse-owners would consult their interests more in regard to shoeing, they would have less reason to complain about poor horses. Horses are valuable property, and we cannot afford to have them ruined by a bungling, unscrupulous wielder of the sledge.—*U. U. Wood, in Iowa Homestead.*

The Breeders' Meeting.

OCTOBER 2, the day announced for the beginning of the seventh annual trotting meeting of the Breeders' Association, at Charter Oak Park, Hartford, Ct., it rained so hard that the Executive Committee wisely concluded to postpone and to distribute the event of the first day throughout the two last days, October 3d and 4th. Although the ten stakes composing the programme contained originally over 140 nominations, it was found, when the final payments became due, Sept. 13, only eighteen had made good their title to start. This was owing to various causes, conspicuous of which in at least two of the most important and valuable stakes, the "Mali," for three-year-olds, and the "Pacific," for four-year-olds, being the exceptional speed already shown by two of the colts entered in each, in either of which, had they come together, would have insured great and exciting contests and the success of the meeting. The celebrated California three-year-old filly Hinda Rose, entered in the "Mali," had just distanced all the crack Kentucky three-year-olds in 2:23, and that other almost equally famous Californian three-year-old filly, Ruby, entered in the same stake, was known to be doing almost as well in her work, while in the "Pacific" stakes there were the two other celebrated California-bred four-year-old fillies, Bonita, with a two-year record of 2:24½, and Eva, two years old, record of 2:26, the latter having defeated the former early in the season in

a race at Chicago. These fillies were known to be at Charter Oak Park and doing well just before the meeting; however, the managers of Ruby and Eva finally declined the issue, and permitted these two stakes to go to Hinda Rose and Bonita without a contest. It was generally understood that Hinda Rose would start on Wednesday in the "Mali" to beat the best three-year-old record of 2:21, and Bonita would start on Thursday in the "Pacific" stakes to beat Jay-Eye-See's 2:19, the best record at four years old. Wednesday was clear, but the wind blew strong and cold; the track was slow, because of the previous day's rain, but Marvin announced his intention to make the attempt at about 4 P. M.—thought by many to be an hour too late. He appeared behind his splendid charge, and without much ado he came up and got the word and went off fast, reaching the quarter pole in 34 seconds, the half in 1:10; from here to the three-quarter pole, which was reached in 1:45¼ seconds, the filly encountered a driving wind, she swung wide around the turn to avoid the soft footing next pole, and came up the stretch strong and fast, landing at the wire in just 2:20, thus beating the record by a full second. On Thursday the track had much improved, but the weather was wretched for fast time, the wind blowing such a gale and so cold that both the judges' and grand stands were uninhabitable, and Marvin satisfied himself and those present by only going for time with Bonita in the Pacific, the last quarter of which she trotted in 31¾ seconds, a 2:07 gait.

We refer our readers to the summaries of the different events, which, in view of the breeding of the winners, and indeed all of the contestants, will be read with interest, furnishing as they do valuable lessons and significant suggestions for breeders and admirers of trotting horses. The performance of all the contestants in the Union Stakes for four-year-olds was highly creditable. Nero, by Startle, out of Lady Irwin, by Geo. Wilkes, sustained the present boom won in the Hambletonian and American Star combination; Volmer, the elegant son of that richly bred and rising young sire, Gambetta, owned by Mr. Kirtledge, Peekskill, N. Y., although suddenly taken unaccountably lame, did so well as to lead many to believe that but for this he would have just about won it; while Victor Clay, the winner, bred and owned by Chas. Stanford, Schenectady, N. Y., showed himself a