

race-horse, trotting the fourth heat in 2:30 $\frac{1}{2}$, which, considering the day and track, was a remarkable performance—better than that of Piedmont over the same track at four years old, which was one of the sensations of the turf season at the time.

There were other incidents of the meeting requiring a brief notice. The performance of Smuggler's Daughter in the Standard Stakes, for mares never having beaten 2:40, in which she started to trot in 2:30, and won by trotting in 2:29 $\frac{1}{2}$, placed the first of Smuggler's get in the 2:30 list. The distancing of Dr. O'Rorke's grand three-year-old colt, West Brefney, in the National Trotting Stallion Stakes, worth \$1,345, by Mr Backman's son of Messenger Duroc, out of Green Mountain Maid, in 2:42 $\frac{1}{2}$, was a great surprise, for the Doctor's colt had been tried high and was known to be a good one. This the sequel proved; for on the following day, driven by his old trainer, Carl Burr, who had necessarily relinquished him a few weeks before this race, he turned the tables on his only opponent, Mr. Mali's bay filly, Lassie, by Kentucky Prince out of Bonnie Lassie, in the Everett House Stakes, distancing her in the first heat in 2:44 $\frac{1}{2}$. Here was another surprise, for it was generally understood before the race that she could beat 2:40, and although shut out she showed enough speed in the heat to warrant it. Mr. Mali consequently directed her driver, Mr. Herrington, to put rollers on her and to drive her a trial mile, which he did, the filly trotting the first half in 1:21, the last half in 1:17 $\frac{1}{4}$, and the last quarter in 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds (a 2:29 gait), without lifting her nose. This was indeed a grand performance. She is a beauty; her action is simply superb; and if nothing befalls her, she will, as a four-year-old, add immensely to the reputation of her sire and the combination now so much depended upon, at Stonyford, by the crossing of Kentucky Prince on the daughters of Old Hambletonian. In the Annual Nursery Stakes for three-year-olds, also won by Mr. Backman's colt, heretofore mentioned, there started a filly thoroughly out of condition and, apparently, half broken, by Kentucky Prince out of Bertha Duroc, by Messenger Duroc, who, although distanced, deserves more than a passing notice. Soon after getting the word she made two colt-breaks and was left far in the rear; after squaring away she chased the leader, whom she finally caught and

quickly passed between the half and three-quarters pole, showing a great flight of speed, in which her driver indulged her, until she made another standstill break, by which she was distanced.

The unpropitious weather and the fact, which the Association did not attempt to conceal, that the limited number of starters in each of the stakes and the several walk-overs would detract from the interest in the meeting, led to a limited attendance; but we are happy to say that, upon the whole, the financial results were as satisfactory as could have been expected under the circumstances.

South America as a Cattle Range.

BUENOS AYRES, in South America, is a country very similar to our Western ranges, and is said to be one of the best winter and summer ranges in the world. As we have said before, the price of cattle and horses is very low there now. There are two or three almost insurmountable obstacles to an American's breeding cattle in that country.

The first is, he is not acquainted with the language spoken. Second, he is unaccustomed to their methods of doing business.

Some Europeans who have tried the business have complained that they were taxed so heavily that they were taxed out of the country. We notice in the *Mark Lane Express* an extract from a letter published in a paper at Buenos Ayres, in reference to the range on the Platte River. It says: "We hold in the Platte the noblest article of the world's commerce, 'beef.' Give us but the brains or genius to place that beef in the European markets, and there is no country under the sun that can rival the Platte. For years, and for long years, we have been groping our way in this meat question, but the solution must be near at hand. When it comes, our stock, our camps and our properties will all jump up 100 per cent. in value."

The *Mark Lane* says this is a roseate view, but is not by any means an unwarranted one. Prices of beef steers were reported \$5 per head a year ago, and stock cattle lower in proportion. These prices would enable a man with a moderate amount of capital to buy a very good stock of cattle to start with. The Leibig's Extract of Meat Company are said to have 41,000 head of cattle on the river Platte. They own land amounting to 75,000 acres and