

the three combined, in the 21 class have 4 performers, Volunteer has 8; the three combined have 4 performers below 2:20, Volunteer has 5. The whole scheme of grandsons and great-grandsons prove nothing, as outside of the t of Alexander's Abdallah, Hambletonian has but very few in the stud, and I cannot think, without close search, of more than two great grandsons that has ^{ave}al old enough to break, and there is a ^{tters}ogent reason for it. Hambletonian ^{ily}are pplied the demand in the East ⁱⁿrepeats, and there is to-day kept in ^{potent}ounty and vicinity seven sons ^{reading} Hero, whose service can be ob^{tain} of ^{rom}\$10 to \$25. With such a state ^{paper}gs existing, pray what show has a grandson? There is but one in service, that I know of, in Orange or adjoining counties. It was not so when Alexander's Abdallah commenced, as he fairly divided the honors with Hambletonian and three of his sons, Edsall's Bay Hambletonian, foaled in 1857, Wood's Hambletonian, ^{fo}in 1858, and Major Edsall in 1859, ^{mire}ll in the stud before I purchased Volunteer. They have been kept constantly engaged, and Wood's horse with marked success. Major Edsall has produced one trotter, Robert McGregor, but he was out of a Star mare; g. d. by Messenger Duroc, son of Messenger Duroc, and a great mare she was, a strain of blood that one drop with me would go further than a ^{ba}et of pacing mixture.

If the above statements are true, which they are believed to be—although being made from memory without the statistics before me errors may be made, but in the main they are substantially correct. Now for a moment compare the delusive language made use of by Gen. Withers in his comparison, where he states: "That eight times as many trotters with records below 2:20 should have been sired by sons of Alexander's Abdallah as by all the other *thousand* or more grandsons of Hambletonian, seems almost incredible, yet the records prove it."

To my mind, the only incredible thing is that a man could be found who in broad daylight with the facts before him, would endanger his reputation by making such a delusive statement. Not until commencing to write this paper did I know that Volunteer could make half as good a showing as the facts will warrant. With the very limited number of sons he has in the stud,

four of the number have got trotters with records from 2:21 to 2:30 and from statements made, his son Louis Napoleon is liable in a few years to take the same rank outside of Michigan, which he now holds in that State, viz.: of being one of the greatest sires—all things considered—of his age. Volunteer has also a grand daughter that produced Parana 2:19 $\frac{1}{4}$ and a daughter that when bred to Blackwood produced Blackwood Prince—who in his second or third engagement obtained a record of 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$ —only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second below that of Blackwood, Jr.,—and another daughter bred to Dexter Bradford in her four-year-old form with six weeks handling was able to show close to 2:30 on a very slow half mile track, and was then sold for a large price. Still another daughter produced Valiant, record of 2:28 $\frac{1}{4}$, and a grandson, Highland Boy—got Gloster, 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$. We make no claim at present for sons and daughters in the stud or harem but feel assured that he will outrank his competitors in the transmission of speed as he himself outranked them with his get upon the turf in speed, stamina and endurance.

The average Kentucky breeders are spasmodic; to-day it is Mambrino Chief, to-morrow it is Pilot blood. Then the trumpet is blown for the Norman family, and in the excitement produced over the black idol, a victim is found down in Gotham who weighed out his shekels to the value of \$60,000 for him, but when he reaches New York the shadow of Hambletonian and Volunteer so darkens the atmosphere around him, that he seems quite like an ordinary horse, and to-day there is not a man in Kentucky that would do him reverence.

During all this time, Hambletonian had been ignored. But at last the trumpet again sounds and the dead son of the (great departed). Although dead is proclaimed king, and Almont is his prophet, but where is the victim? The breeders of Kentucky have been compelled to accept the Hambletonian line.

The success of George Wilkes, Administrator, Sentinel, Strathmore, Harold Cuyler, and others have so far eclipsed all preceeding sires in their State, that the peans are sung on every hill top to Hambletonian and his sons: Gentlemen, we welcome you into the vineyard even at the eleventh hour, and are willing for you to receive equal pay