desirable coach horse, especially for the foreign trade, must be able to go a good, fast clip, not for only five or ten miles, but 20 and often 25 miles."

"Doctor, where do you find those 15 to 15½-hand, full-made cobs which your firm furnishes Eastern and foreign buyers in such large numbers?"

"Some of them come in here with mixed consignments from all parts; others we hear of, and either go ourselves or send our own men to buy them."

"How are they mostly bred?"

"Trotting bred."

"Do you recall any special instances of high-class ones and their breeding, and what prices do they usually bring?"

"One hundred and fifty to $300 for common ones, $500 for good ones, and $800 to $1000 for fancy ones. A son of Bell Boy out of an Almont 33 mare, grandam, Alma Mater, was gelded when mature, had a trotting record just inside the 2 30 list, and was credited with a trial of 2.22½, but considered too small for a stock horse, was bought in Kentucky for $250 by a dealer, who sold him to another dealer here at this market for $800, and he then was resold for $1100 to a dealer in Chicago, who has since refused $1500 for him.

"Another instance is a Mr. Nichol, a country buyer, who resides at Lexington, Ky., bought a ten-year-old stallion that was outclassed, with a trotting record of 2.24¼; this one was by Twilight, son of Hambletonian 10, dam by Auburn, son of Almont 33, for $250. Mr. Nichol, after gelding him, sold him readily for $500 to another dealer, who sold him for $1150, and the horse died three days after shipping to his last owner, from injuries sustained while on the journey. You asked about grooms. Why, that's a business by itself; and best ones are the foreigners who are regular graduates. The American "swipes," accustomed to caring for race horses, will not do for caring for high-class coachers and cobs, which requires constant work."

Inquiry was made among those most familiar with the field of looking up choice horses for various stations, if they recalled any sires who were acknowledged, in market or breeding circles, as conspicuous in producing high-class and high-priced carriage coach or carriage horses. Regalia, a son of Jay Gould, out of an Ethan Allen mare, was mentioned. The latter is owned near Decatur, Ill. Other sires of this class are Bonnie Wilkes (2.15¼), by Adrian Wilkes, owned up in Iowa; Sea Foam, owned near Chillicothe, Mo.; Col. Lillard, by Jay Bird, another Missouri stallion; Herschel, a son of Belmont 84 and sire of Hail Cloud (2.07¾), finds much favor, as well as the old roan stallion Allegheny Boy (2.27); Jester D., by Almont 33. The last three are owned near Maryville, Mo. Talavera (2 30) is now dead. The McMahon (2.21½) family, from Nebraska, is popular with the dealers. Combination (2 16¼) sires cobs, and the Kansas sire, Happy Heir, by Happy Medium 400, is also a favorite.

Both Mr. W. Nims and John S. Bratton of Sloan, Nims & Bratton cited many cases of extra high-class horses for coach, saddle or as cobs going through their hands recently at fancy prices without being able to learn the breeders' names on account of these horses reaching them through their regular consignors from various parts of the country, and since it is with them in the main the individual, no pains are taken to learn anything definite about them, only that they knew they were nearly all trotting bred.

This latter firm has been conspicuously successful in selecting show horses for the fancy classes, especially Mr. Bratton, whose success in that line is quite generally known. One good sale they made quite recently, which may be of special interest to breeders, is the sale, for $1929, of the beautiful pair of really typical coachers, Ivica and Ivanhoe, both by Antar, son of Almont, dams by Swigert, to Dr. J. J. Lawrence, St. Louis, Mo.

A fair summary of the daily traffic at this market in active season of fair to fancy horses is about as follows: Fifteen to 20 daily, at prices ranging from $150 to $250. During each week, exclusive of special-sale weeks, about 25 to 30 are sold for $250 to $350, and then the real fancy ones, of which there are not many ordinary weeks, which bring from $800 to $1000, and always some good pairs at the last-named figure.—Chicago Horseman.

Spring Meeting at Columbus, O.

The Columbus (O.) Driving Association Company will hold a spring meeting June 27, 28, 29, 30 and July 1. The association has opened 15 purses for $500 each for the following classes: Trotters, 2.14, 2.40, 2 23, 2.10, 2.19, 2.30 and 2 27; pacers, 2.10, 2.40, 2.18, 2.25, free for all, 2 21, 2 14 and 2.30 classes.

Entries to these races close on Saturday, June 18, and should be addressed to S. L. Hoover, secretary, Columbus, O.

Aroostook County (Me.) Horses.

EDITOR AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER:

Although situated away up in the northeast part of Maine, we are still breeding, buying and selling some good horseflesh. It is cold up here yet, but there are several youngsters of this year's crop growing up, some of which are over a month old, foals by the young stallion Edgardo Jr., by Edgardo (2.13¾), owned by T. H. Phair, and they are handsome, straight young trotters, too.

A new stallion has been added to the Taylor & Williard training stable. He was brought here recently by T. H. Phair, who has always taken a great interest in the betterment of our horse stock in Aroostook County. He owned Bloodmont, by Olympus, when he gave such a good account of himself as a four year old; also the fastest of his get, the well-known race mare *Ada P.* (2 12¾) and Winnie L. (2.19½), by Alcander 6617.

Many of Mr. Phair's horses are cared for by A. C. Taylor, the well-known trainer of Edgardo (2 13¾) and many other fast ones, but Mr. Phair, together with his son, C. F. A. Phair, always has a stable of fine drivers, one of which is illustrated above, and is owned and driven by Mr. C. F. A. Phair. This mare, Ouida, is by Bloodmont (sire of *Ada P.*, 2.12¾), dam by Mambrino Monarch, but, unlike the pacer *Ada P.*, she is a beautifully gaited trotter, and one that, if put to racing, could give a good account of herself. She stands 15.3 hands and weighs 1050 pounds, has lots of action, and whether out for a brush or at her road gait, is a model driver. Mr. Phair put her in Mr. Taylor's stable when a four year old, and she showed half miles with very little work in 1.13, but she never was started until Taylor sent her home late in the fall. Mr. P. thought he would start her in a race to see how he liked her. He let a green man drive her, and in a field of six she went a seven-heat race, and the boy marked her the fifth heat in 2 42. Since that she has been considered too valuable to race. She is a very handsome mare.

Another one owned by the junior Mr. Phair is Winnie L. (2.19½), by Alcander, which he bought of his father last fall, and which is now in foal to Lakeland Wilkes, by Gen. Hancock 1165, by George Wilkes. Winnie is as speedy as ever, and with this summer's let-up she should be a good one next fall.

The favorite roadster of the elder Mr. Phair's is Belmont, a chestnut daughter of Bloodmont. This animal is of good size and a great roadster. She was bred last year to Nelson (2.09), but did not prove with foal, but to the cover of Edgardo Jr. she has now a very nice colt foal dropped the first of April.

Still another beautiful driving mare and one used by the family is the brown mare by Bloodmont.

While on a trip to Taylor & Williard's stable we found about 15 good ones, most of which are to be tracked this season, though several are youngsters.

The stallion Lakeland Wilkes was brought North by G. W. Leavitt, we think, some years ago, and is by Gen. Hancock 1165, by George Wilkes 519. Hancock sired such good ones as Zobud (2.14¼), Halo (2 15¼), etc. The dam of Lakeland Wilkes was by Lakeland Abdallah 351.

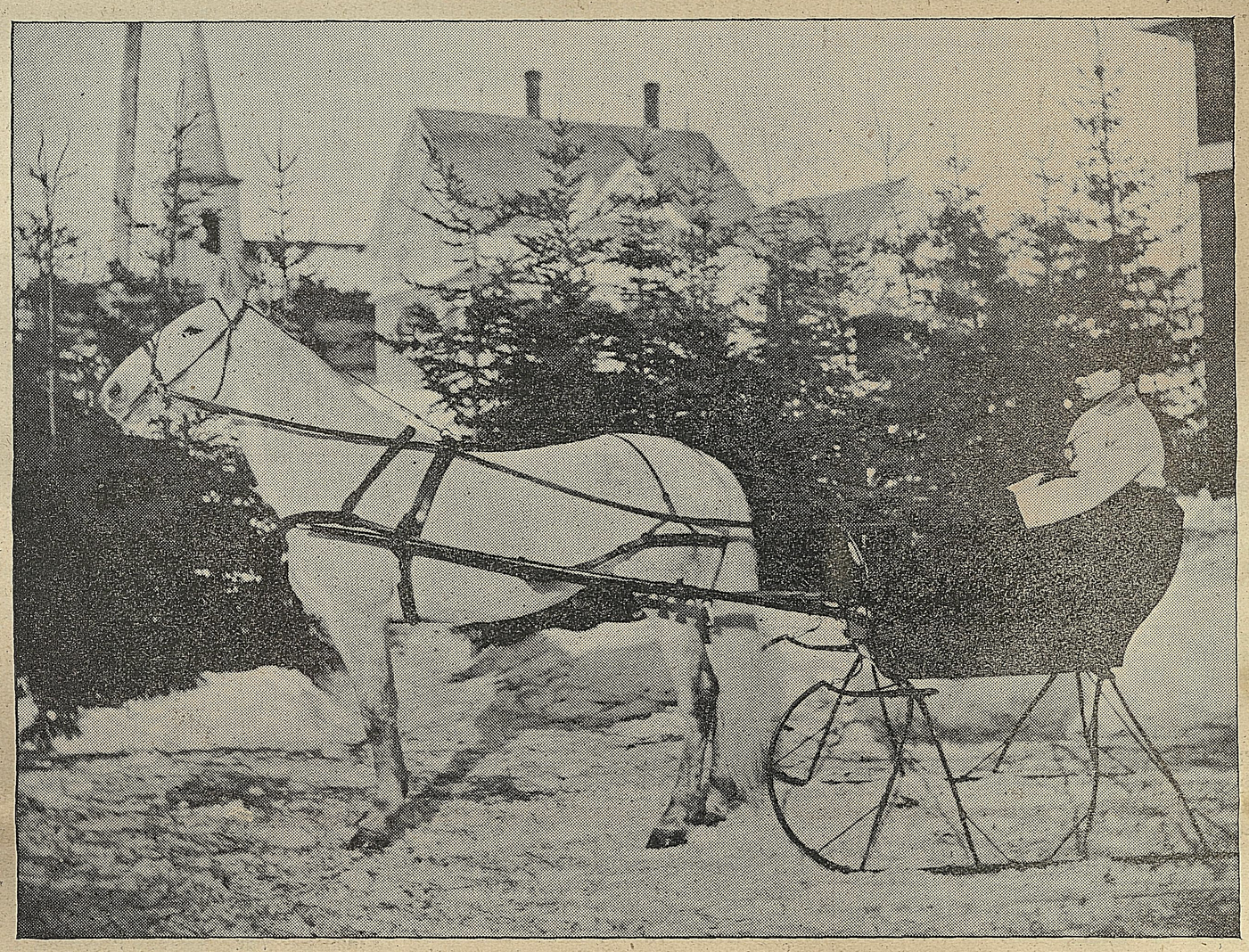
Another good one, which will, barring accident, go fast this year, is Edgardo Jr.; dam by Olympus. This five year old was castrated last fall after a very good season in the stud. By the looks of his many foals of this season, some one will be sorry he was not left entire. He could step fast at the trot as a three year old.

Leah is another Edgardo which was given a few easy races last season, and she showed ability to beat 2.30 at any time. She is a smooth-gaited trotter of good size.

Bucklin will be worked this summer. This fellow ought to go fast, and he is a beauty to look at. He is by Ambassador 1496; dam by Brown Chief 4445, by Mambrino Chief 11. The above four are the property of T. H. Phair.

Another at this stable which will make some of the best of them step fast is E. G. Dunn, Jr.'s big gray colt Big Ike, by Messenger Wilkes 3743, out of Kate Claxton (2.37). This fellow stands 17 hands and could show close to 2.30 as a three year old. He is good gaited and in great shape.

There are many more good ones which I will describe in a future letter, for we have some speed left, though little *Ada P.* (2.12¾) has gone away. She was a great favorite here and all watched her in her hard-fought races last fall with much interest. A.



THE BEAUTIFUL ROAD MARE OUIDA.

Columbus (Ind.) Notes.

EDITOR AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER:

The following horses and men I saw at Crump's Driving Park, which I visited a few days ago:

N. B. Wade has Dr. Clay (2 21¼), by Pilot Clay, which he thinks will reduce his record to 2.15 or better when asked to. Mr. Wade also has in his string Negetta, a three-year-old filly by A. W. 19571, dam by Jim Wilson 12088, which shows quarters in 40 seconds and better, and he is sure she will pass the 2.30 limit before the season closes.

Dr. John F. Wright, with Buck Flora holding the reins, shows up with a string of seven good ones. Tradition, by Baronial (2.25½), and Hello, by A. W. 19571, are favorites, each having shown quarters in 35 and 36 seconds, respectively.

M. A. Locke has a fine string of good ones, among them Shylock (2.18¼), by Nutburn, Baron S. (2.21¼) and Frigie (2.29¼), by Lyle Wilkes, all of which he expects to lower their records this season.

Thomas McFall of Lexington, Ky., has William W., trotting trial 2.19½, pacing trial 2.15, a speedy son of William L., out of a dam by Red Wilkes, and he seems a winner, sure. Mr. McF. is also breaking a two-year-old colt by A. W. 19571, which he says is showing wonderful speed for his age.

Frank L. Clark is driving one or two good ones of his own, and two promising ones by A. W. 19571, owned by Henry Palmer, all of which are great prospects.

W. T. STRICTLAND.

Racing at Halifax, N. S.

EDITOR AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER:

The Queen's Birthday races at the new Exhibition track drew but a small crowd and entry list, but both the 2.25 and 2.35 classes were stubbornly contested, and the time was very good for this season of the year. The officials were M. McHall's starter, A. H. Learmont, Truro, D. P. Young, Ingram River, and E. J. Fenton, judges; W. E. Donavan and B. F. Young, timers; H. S. Moir, clerk. Following are the summaries:

SUMMARIES.

HALIFAX, May 24, 1898—2.25 class, trot and pace. Purse, $125.

Stranger, ch g, by Sir John Dean. R. Megeney, Halifax (Crabbe) 1 1 1
Casamira, b m, by Good Luck's Favorite. A. Lamphier, Halifax (Slipp) 2 2 2
Minnie Warren, b m, by Dean Swift. J. Adams, Halifax (Carroll) ..... 3 dis
Time, 2.29½, 2.30, 2.31.

Same day—2.35 class, trot and pace. Purse, $100.

Loater, b g, by French Lion. P. Carroll, Halifax (Carroll) 2 1 1 1
Lina Belle, br m, by Brazilian A. L. Slipp, Halifax (Slipp) 1 2 2 2
Barbara Pride, br m, by Brother's Pride. G. Hartlew, Halifax (Hartlew) 3 dis
Time, 2.37, 2.31¼, 2.41, 2.36¼.

Same day—3.00 class, trot and pace. $75.

The Bart, b g, by Bronze Chief. J. O. Toole, Halifax (O'Toole) 1 1 1
Wanda, ch m, by Edgardo. P. Carroll, Halifax (Carroll) ..... 2 dis 2
Time, 2.43, 2.45, 2.46¼.

Same day—Gentleman's Roadster Competition.

I. K. L., gr g, by Israel. W. R. Scriven 1 2
Kate Crocket, br m, by Rampart. A. Lamphier .....
Time omitted by correspondent.

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