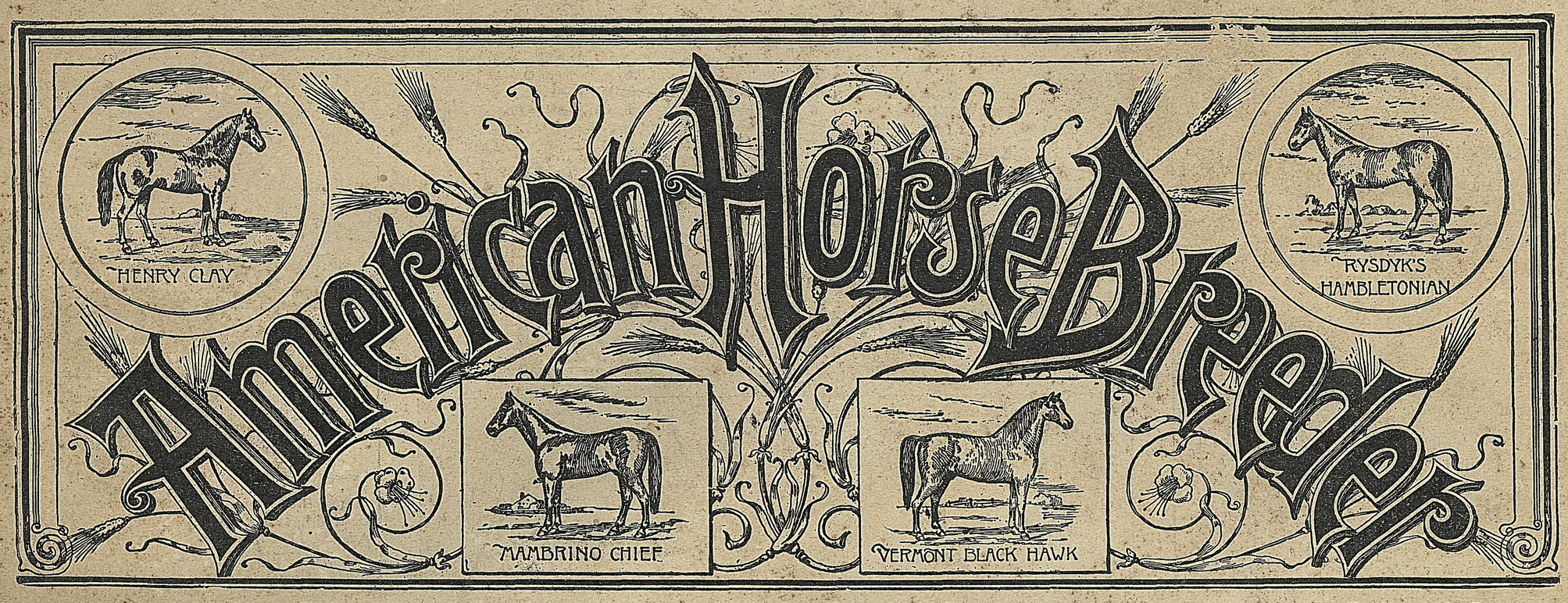

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Lexington (Ky.) Meeting.

On Tuesday, the fifth inst., began the 25th annual meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association. The great event of the day was the three-year-old futurity. The day was warm and pleasant, and between 4000 or 5000 spectators watched the sport.

The first race called was the Tennessee for the 2.09 pacing class. There were nine starters, including *Bumps*, *Ananias*, *Planet*, *Pearl Onward*, *Frank Bogash*, etc. *Bumps* led off in gallant style, and was never headed from start to finish. *Choral* made a strong fight for second position, but *Ananias* passed her, and held second place at the finish, *Choral* finishing third; time, 2 06½.

In the second heat *Bumps* led to the quarter pole w th *Ananiaz* second, *Frank Bogash* third and *Dan Q.* fourth. There was no material change of positions during the entire heat.

The third heat was very similar to the second. *Bumps* led around the first turn and past the quarter and half poles, with *Ananias* second and *Pearl Onward* third. Coming down the stretch *Planet* and *Frank Bogash* advanced to second and third places, respectively, but *Bumps* was invincible, and the race terminated in a victory for the son of Baron Wilkes, he winning it in straight heats.

The next race was the three-year-old futurity. Marcus Daly's great filly China Silk was the strong favorite in this event. She sold in the pools for $100 and the field for $95. In the field were such good ones as Thorn and Preston, the former a sister to Constantine, in charge of Orrin Hickok, and the latter the great Hermitage colt by Ponce de Leon, Miss Della Fox, Timbrel and Philip E. Timbrel drew the pole, with Rect second, Philip E. third, China Silk fourth, Miss Della Fox fifth, Preston sixth, Silverlock seventh and Thorn on the outside. After some inefficient scoring the field got away to a good start. China Silk took the lead at the first turn, with Miss Della Fox up second; this pair kept in front through the back stretch, around the turn and down the home stretch, with the field well scattered out behind them. China Silk passed under the wire a head in front, with Miss Della Fox second and Preston third.

In the second heat China Silk had a little the best of the start, and she passed the quarter pole first, with Della Fox second and Thorn third. Preston, Thorn and Timbrel closed on the leaders on the back stretch, and Preston came to the front before reaching the three-quarter pole, and during the remainder of the heat had things about his own way. He passed under the wire in front, with Silverlock second and Thorn third.

China Silk again got off in the lead the third heat, and passing the quarter pole Preston was up second to her and Thorn in third place. Thorn broke on the back stretch, but was settled again in a moment. China Silk maintained her lead until the three-quarters pole was passed, but nearing the wire sh headed by Thorn and Preston, the gray colt capturing the heat, with Thorn second and China Silk third.

The horses went off to a good start in the fourth heat, and passing the quarter pole, Preston had the lead, with Timbrel second and Thorn third. At the half Thorn moved up to second place, and then ensued a strong fight with the fast Tennessee colt for first honors. When within a few feet of the wire, Hickok made a great drive with Thorn, landing her in front of Preston and winning the heat, and Timbrel finished third.

In the next heat Timbrel led past the quarter pole, with Thorn second and Philip E. third. When near the three-quarter pole Preston moved toward the front, and Thorn took the lead From within 40 or 50 yards of the wire Preston and Thorn had a hot struggle, but Hickok landed his mare in front, and won the heat by a length.

But three starters turned for the word in the sixth and last heat, Thorn, China Silk and Preston. The first named led from the start, China Silk and Preston following in the order named. Up the back stretch and toward the three-quarter pole Thorn increased her lead. Coming down the home stretch Preston rallied and closed in somewhat on the leader, but within a hundred yards of the wire he fell back and Thorn finished winner of the heat and one of the most exciting futurity races ever witnessed.

The third and last race of the day was the 2.16 trot. The field in this event was a strong one, but it was somewhat outclassed today by Little Edgar, who won in straight heats. The betting was $50 on Edgar to $30 on the field. In each heat he had plain sailing and never was headed. Guy and Woodford C. had a sharp contest for second position, which fell to Woodford C. the first two heats and to Guy the third.

SUMMARIES.

LEXINGTON, KY., Oct. 5. The Tennessee Stake—2.09 class. Purse, $4000.

Bumps, b g, by Baron Wilkes; dam, Queen Ethel, by Strathmore (Wilson)	1	1	1	
Ananias, br h, by Patron (Keves)	2	2	8	
Planet, b h, by Bonnie McGregor (Demarest)	7	8	2	
Frank Bogash, br h, by Atlantic King (Bogash)	4	3	3	
Choral, br m, by C. F. Clay (Phelps)	3	5	7	
Pearl Onward, b m, by Onward (Spears)	9	6	6	
Dan Q, b n, by Simmocolon (McLaulin)	6	4	4	
Hail Cloud, b h, by Herschel (Bush)	8	7	5	
King of Diamonds, b g, by Velocity (Parker)	5	dr		

Time, 2.06½, 2.07, 2 06½.

Same day—Kentucky's Futurity for three-year-old trotters. Value, $15,000.

Thorn, b f, by Wilkes Boy; dam, Kincora, by Mambrino Patchen (Hickok)	4	3	2	1	1	1
Preston, br g, by Ponce de Leon (Fuller)	3	1	1	2	2	2
China Silk, br f, by Prodigal (Kenny)	1	2	3	5	6	3
Philip E., b g, by Clay (Kelly)	6	4	4	3	4	ro
Timbrel, blk c, by Bermuda (Payne)	7	7	5	4	3	ro
Rect, b c, by Direct (Walker)	5	6	6	7	5	ro