R. P. PEPPER, Frankfort, Ky., has purchased from Senator Leland Stanford, Palo Alto Farm, Menlo Park, Cal., for $15,000, the bay stallion Norval, foaled 1882, by Electioneer, dam Norma, by Alexander's Norman; second dam by Todhunter's Sir Wallace. Norval sired the wonderful filly Norlaine, which as a yearling trotted a mile over the Bay District track at San Francisco in the month of November in 2:31½, and was afterwards destroyed in the fire at Palo Alto.

AT the annual meeting of the Berks County (Pa.) Agricultural Society, held in the Court House, at Reading, the following officers were elected: President, George D. Stitzel; Secretary, Cyrus T. Fox; Treasurer, William S. Ritter. A balance of $12,140.47 was reported in the treasury. George D. Stitzel was elected to represent the society in the State Board of Agriculture for the ensuing three years. The cost of membership in the society was doubled by a unanimous vote.

THE following shows the number of horses exported since 1876, together with their valuation. The statistics of 1880 include fourteen racers sent over by James R. Keene, which were valued at $51,500:

Year.	*Value.*	*Year.*	*Value.*
1879—2,256 horses, valued at	$614,889	1884—400 horses, valued at	$171,035
1880—1,179 horses, valued at	316,850	1885—357 horses, valued at	223,478
1881—873 horses, valued at	235,190	1886—388 horses, valued at	159,348
1882—543 horses, valued at	200,146	1887—431 horses, valued at	131,525
1883—500 horses, valued at	161,761	1888—249 horses, valued at	121,632

HUNTLEY & CLARK, proprietors of Riverside Stock Farm, Toston, Montana, have shipped seven mares to Kalamazoo and Saginaw, Mich., to be bred to Ambassador, 2:21½, and Sphinx, 2:23. They have also shipped eight to California to be bred to Director, 2:17. The mares represent such sires as George Wilkes, Mambrino Patchen, Daniel Lambert, Smuggler, etc., and it is evident the enterprising Montana breeders are determined to have them crossed with the best blood obtainable.

THE Fisher Ames Club, of Dedham, Mass., is a social organization composed of the best citizens of the place, and of course they all take an interest in good horses and stories about them. Uncle Abner Burrows, formerly of New York City, is past his driving days, being more than three-score and ten, but his interest in horses and knowledge of them is greater now than in times gone by. It is considered a great treat by members of the club and others to pass an evening in his company and listen to his reminiscences of early trotting days and stage-coach times.

THE Wisconsin Industrial Association, comprising Racine and Kenosha counties, at its annual meeting on January 3, elected Jackson I. Case as President, J. B. Jackson as Secretary, and Joseph Schroder as Treasurer. Charles H. Bain was elected First Vice-President, and the constitution was changed to cut down the Board of Directors from fifteen to seven, selecting four from Kenosha county and three from Racine county. An effort will be made to give liberal premiums and organize an attractive speed programme.

J. R. WOOD, proprietor of Maplewood Stock Farm, Woburn, Mass., is going into the breeding business on quite an extensive scale. He recently bought the 16-hand, 1,150-pound stallion Frank Falconer, by Seneca Chief, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Colman's American Star, son of Seely's American Star. This horse was exhibited at the late breeders' meeting, and came down the home-stretch at Mystic like a trotter, as he has a right to be. Mr. Wood reports Athenia, by Charley Wilkes, 2:25½, dam Bessie, by Red Wilkes, is in first-class shape and improving rapidly in speed.

W. J. & W. H. LEWIS, Woodlake, Ky., have sold to Lister Witherspoon, Midway, Ky., the gray mare Flirt, by Princeps, dam by Belmont; second dam Madam Dudley. Also, to same, the gray filly Cambria, by Onward, dam by Princeps; second dam by Belmont; third dam Madam Dudley. To D. Berry, Henry county, Kentucky, the yearling bay filly Fontenella, by Pretender, dam by Alden Goldsmith; second dam by McGregor's Warrior. Also, to same, the yearling bay filly Amaryllis, by Agawam 965 (son of Shawmut, 2:26), dam by Billy Adams.

SAM BRYANT was asked the other day by a reporter if he had received any more offers for Proctor Knott. "No, I haven't," he said, "and I don't want any. I shan't sell him now at any price, and I'm going to take him East and run him, and beat Haggin in every big race in the East." Bryant says his horse has already won him $72,000, and he can afford to take chances with him if anybody can. Sam is in very good financial fix, it is understood—in fact better than ever before in his life. His partner, Scoggan, leaves Proctor Knott altogether to Bryant, who will do with him as it seems best in any event.

GUARANTEED stakes are becoming popular. The first one of any note was the Eclipse Stake of 1886, ran at Sandown Park, in England. It was opened in 1884. The club guaranteed to make it worth $50,000 by making up whatever sum should fall short after the subscriptions were added. It is becoming quite popular in England, and even the classic Derby at Epsom, which for a hundred years has existed on owners' subscriptions, closed last season for 1891 as a guaranteed stake. This season the Suburban is a guaranteed stake, and so is the Brooklyn Handicap, and also the new Great American Stake, to be run at the Brooklyn spring meeting.

THE entries for the Two Thousand Sweepstakes, of which $500 to second and $200 to third, to be run at the spring meeting of the West Side Club, Nashville, Tenn., were announced on Tuesday last. The race is for three-year-olds, foals of 1886, and the distance one and one-eighth miles. The horses eligible to start are Proctor Knott, Come to Taw, Kasson, Almera, Boodle, Longfish, Vatican, Kee-Ve-Na, Monita Hardy, Quarterdeck, Hollywood, Viking, Heron, Spectator and Waldo. The stake will be worth $2,500 to the winner. The horses named comprise the leading candidates for the Kentucky Derby, which fact lends additional interest to what in itself will be an important racing event.

ON the first day of the Flemington races at Melbourne, Australia, on November 6, the attendance was 110,000. The Melbourne Cup was won by the four-year-old Mentor, with 115 pounds, next to the top weight, from a field of twenty-seven, the two miles being run in 3:30¾. On the third day, November 8, Mentor also ran a dead heat with Cyclops for the Royal Park Stake, two miles, in 3:36, carrying eight pounds more than the six-year-old, his impost being 133 pounds. On November 10 Mentor also won the Canterbury Plate, three miles, in 5:46, with 126 pounds, defeating Cyclops and Australian Peer. Ensign, winner of the Victoria Derby three days before, started for the cup, but broke his off fore fetlock and was immediately shot.

THE descriptive words cobs and hacks as applied to particular types of horses are of limited use in this country, and some seem to suppose that they are used to designate certain breeds that are known by these names. This is a mistake. The terms are not used to designate a breed, but to indicate the type of an animal in his size and conformation, no difference what his blood or whether he has any blood. A cob is a short-legged, stout, blocky and compactly built animal, varying in height from 13.3 hands to 14.3 hands. The hack is the same type of animal, varying in height from 14.3 hands to 15.3 hands. The hack is larger than the cob, and the cob is larger than the pony, and the sizes we have indicated are after the best English usage. The Morgan horse, in his original type, would have been the Englishman's true ideal of the cob.

F. H. JORDAN, of South Lewiston, Me., recently returned home from Goffstown, N. H., with Springfield Belle, where she was sent last season to be bred to Viking, after dropping colt (now at foot) by Director, 2:17. Mr. Jordan refused a very handsome offer for this Director filly to allow her to remain in Manchester, but is willing to chance it on her breeding. Springfield Belle is a dark chestnut, 15½ hands, and can speed a 2:25 gait. She was sired by Mambrino Gift, 2:20, dam by Jackson's Flying Cloud. Mr. Jordan recently bought Nellie B., black yearling filly, by Wedgewood, 2:19, dam Fannie Morrill, by Winthrop Morrill; also, Donaldson, bay colt, foaled April 26, 1887, by Don Carlos, 2:23, dam Myrtle, 2:25¼, by King's Champion, out of old Jane.

JAMES S. SANBORN, of the firm of Chase & Sanborn, of Boston, has purchased the stallion Gemare, and intends to use him in revolutionizing the style of gentleman's road horses in the East. Gemare is a bright bay, with black mane and tail, stands 16 hands high and weighs 1,260 pounds. He has a pedigree which crosses sixty-one times with Arab blood and thirty-four times into Turkish and Barb stallions. The stallion's ancestors were carefully raised under the protection of the French government, and his pedigree is authentically recorded. The price paid was $4,000. Mr. Sanborn said to the New York Sun's Boston correspondent: "I shall keep this stallion at my stock farm in Poland, Me., and shall not use him on the road to any extent. He is one of the finest coach horses I ever saw. He is strongly built, as his weight shows, yet he has wonderful speed and endurance. I didn't get him with the intention of making a trotter of him. We have enough of those now in this country. The one idea in the past has been to produce horses for speed only, and we have succeeded in raising the fastest trotters in the world, but they are not good for anything else. Now, if those mares could be bred to a stallion of Gemare's build and get a cross in which speed and muscle are combined, we can get the finest road-horses the world ever saw."

DURING 1888 seven hundred and forty yearlings were sold at public auction in America and they brought a total of $475,835, an average of $643.02. With the aid of King Thomas, which sold for $38,000, the late King Ban has the best average, his fourteen head going at $2,763.61 each. Then comes Sir Modred, Mr. Haggin's Australian stallion, his eight sons and daughters selling for an average of $2,137.50. Mortimer's get reached the healthy figures of $2,033.30, while those by Hindoo, Spendthrift, Billet, Iroquois, Glenelg, Kyrle Daly, Hock-Hocking and Joe Hooker, averaged respectively $1,462.50, $1,390.33, $1,265.36, $1,258.46, $1,223.33, $1,031.25, $1,100, and $1,050. Other prominent stallions whose get averaged well are Virgil, $993.75; Pat Malloy, $877.50; Longfellow, $869.11; Warwick, $862.50; Uhlan, $819; Falsetto, $788.81; Glengarry, $758.46; Dalnacardoch, $712.50; Reform, $687.50; St. Blaise, $668.75; Great Tom, $623.46; Onondaga, $618.33; Sensation, $565; King Alfonso, $551.50; Springbok, $537.87; Enquirer, $533, and Prince Charlie, $509.70. Luke Blackburn, which closed the season with the greatest prestige for a young stallion, due to the brilliant achievements of Proctor Knott, had twenty-two of his get sold in 1888 for the small average of $355.50. Most of them, however, were sold before that great colt made his appearance in public. The bay colt by Rossifer, dam Certiorari, by Aristides, and the bay gelding by Bulwark, dam Modiste, by Asteroid, divide the honors of being the cheapest colts sold, they bringing the insignificant sum of $50 each.

W. H. WILSON, Abdallah Park, Cynthiana, Ky., has sold, and shipped on January 4, to Colonel H. S. Russell, Home Farm, Milton, Mass., the following choice collection of brood mares:

Gurgle, bay mare, foaled 1874, by Pocahontas Boy 1719, dam Matlock, by Benton's Diomed. In foal to Simmons, 2:28

Kate, chestnut mare, foaled 1874 (dam of the great pacer Budd Doble, 2:19¼), by Stocking Chief 2058, dam by Caven's Davy Crockett. In foal to Sultan, 2:24.

Soncy Lassie, bay mare, foaled 1885, by Sultan 1513, dam Bronco, by The Moor 870; second dam by Black Warrior, son of Vermont Black Hawk. In foal to Bell Boy, three-year-old record 2:19¼.

Lady Bryan, bay mare, foaled 1879 (dam of the great Gossiper, 2:29½, trial 2:22¼), by Smuggler, 2:15¼, dam Mary B., by Snake, son of Mambrino Patchen 58. In foal to Simmons, sire of Gossiper.

Smuggler Girl, bay mare, foaled 1881, by Smuggler, 2:15¼, dam Madam Powell (dam of Monroe Chief, 2:18¼), by Bay Chief, son of Mambrino Chief 11. In foal to Sultan, 2:24.

Baroness, bay mare, foaled 1880, by Smuggler, 2:15¼, dam Sallie Wilson, by John Edsall 1716; second dam by Edwin Forrest 49. In foal to Simmons, 2:28.

Emily R., brown mare, foaled 1873, by Peacemaker 260, dam Jenny Lind, by Hoagland's Gray Messenger 155; second dam Jenny Lind, by Abdallah 1. In foal to Simmons, 2:28.

Peoria Girl, bay mare, foaled 1883, by Indianapolis, 2:21, dam Kitty Lyons (dam of Bob Sprague, 2:24¾), by Honest Abe 3411, son of Little Cassius 389. In foal to Simmons, 2:28.

Julia, bay mare, foaled 1883, by Revenue, 2:22¼, son of Smuggler, 2:15¼, dam Juliet, by Western Chief 695; second dam Bay Fanny (dam of Resolute, 2:27¾, and Alexandria, 2:28¾. In foal to Simmons, 2:28.

Addie H., bay mare, foaled 1878, by Ashland Chief 751, dam the celebrated Old Lady (dam of Little Miss, 2:26½; Charley Friel, 2:16½; Jessie Kirk, dam of Majolica, 2:15, by Captain Walker); second dam by Brown Pilot. In foal to Simmons, 2:28.

Rena Simmons, bay mare, foaled 1885, by Simmons 2744, dam Lena, by Stevens & Bramlett's Clark Chief, Jr., son of Clark Chief 89; second dam Alice, by Downing's Bay Messenger. In foal to Noonday, son of Wedgewood, 2:19, and Noontide, 2:20½.

Laura Wilson, bay mare, foaled 1879, by Smuggler, 2:15¼, dam by White Oak (son of Vermont Black Hawk), out of Susie, by Brown's Davy Crockett; second dam by Woodford's Valentine, son of Redmon's Valentine, by imp. Valentine. In foal to Majestic 5508, which is by Madrid 1836, son of George Wilkes, and out of the dam of Good Morning, 2:28½.

ANTHONY HAMILTON, the somewhat celebrated colored jockey, who is to be the first jockey for the stable of Senator Hearst the coming season, has been on a short visit to St. Louis, and in an interview with a Globe-Democrat reporter gave some interesting facts. On being asked whom he considered the best jockey in America, he replied: "Well, I think Isaac Murphy is the king of all of them. He is a wonderful judge of pace and is always good at the finish. McLaughlin is another great jockey, and his pluck is proverbial. He has to almost work himself to death to get weight." Hamilton rode Salvator in the great Futurity, and on being asked if he thought him a better colt than Proctor Knott, said: "I do most emphatically. I never saw a horse want to quit as badly in my life as did the Futurity winner. Barnes had me hemmed in right against the rails on the extreme outside, and I had no chance to work at all. If I had been on the inside I would have won by half a length. As it was, however, while I complain, I did not have the best horse in the race. Galen was the best horse that day, and had Turner used him right he could not have lost. You mark what I tell you, Proctor Knott will find three three-year-olds next year which will give him a beating. They are Galen, the Faverdale colt of Mr. Withers and Salvator. The Futurity winner cannot stand the rough handling he will receive in a bruising race. He tried to cut it in the Futurity, and will stop next year when hard pressed over a distance of ground. I look for the Faverdale colt to be great one next year. He was about the unluckiest horse of the year. He was last away in a number of races, but was generally heard from before the wire was reached. I think well of Diablo and Reporter. The former was, I think, the gamest two-year-old out last year, and he will prove a hard horse to beat this year. Reporter was about the hardest worked two-year-old in the country, and proved himself to be a good one in all kinds of company." Hamilton is as black as the ace of spades, is twenty-one years old, weighs one hundred and twenty pounds now, and draws almost as large a salary as a United States Senator. He has been riding since 1884, when he commenced by serving an apprenticeship under Billy Lakeland at Brighton Beach. For two years past he has ridden for J. B. Haggin.

THE total number of races run in the United States in 1888, beginning at Clifton on Monday, January 2, and ending at the same place on Monday, December 31, were 4,421, an increase of 680 races over the total of 1887. Of the 4,421 races run only 156 were for jumpers, leaving 4,265 races run on the flat. This is a great falling off in the number of jumping races as compared with 1887, when there was a total of 192 in all, viz.: 71 over hurdles and 121 steeplechases. In 1883 there were only 34 races over hurdles, with 96 steeplechases, a result partially due to the elimination of jumping races by the Washington Park Club, Chicago; the American Jockey Club, at Jerome Park in October, and at Monmouth Park, where there were only two races each week for jumpers, as against three in former years. The total number of races run on the flat under Jockey Club rules in Great Britain and Ireland for 1888 was 1,589, of which 759 were at five furlongs and under six, 262 at six furlongs and under a mile, 233 at one mile, 184 at over a mile and under two, 40 at two miles and under three, 7 at three miles and under four and 4 at four miles. There were 100 races run in Canda in 1888, as against 153 in 1887, when the money value was $19,860. The value in 1888 was $15,600, with seven races for which no value was given. The following combination table shows the number of races run in 1878 and 1888 in the United States and Canada, and just what the changes have been in ten years:

Distances.	*1878.*	*1888.*
Half-mile and under, dashes and heats	191	358
Five furlongs up to include mile heats	476	3,102
Over a mile to two-mile heats	284	893
Over two miles to four-mile heats	35	2
Hurdle races and steeplechases	72	156
Totals	1,058	4,421

THE Honey Grove (Texas) correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: George H. Johnson, a farmer living a few miles east of this city, has a mule that is a natural curiosity. The most prominent feature about his muleship is that he is just exactly 18½ hands high, or six feet two inches, so that a man who stands six feet in his stockings standing by the mule's shoulder just lacks two inches of being as high as the animal, and he weighs in proportion to his height, tipping the beam at 1,619 pounds. When it is known that this mule is out of a mustang mare, and was sired by a jack half Mexican and half American, his size is remarkable. Mr. Johnson caught the dam from the mustangs about fourteen years ago in Tom Green county, and after he had got her gentle bred her to a half-breed jack, and this mule is her first colt. But his great size is not his only peculiar characteristic. He seems to be possessed of more intelligence or natural horse sense than falls to the lot of the average horse or mule. Mr. Johnson says that in plowing corn or cotton with him he never uses lines on him, and that when he gets to the end of the row the mule turns around and gets into the proper place for the return furrow with more accuracy than the ordinary animal does when the driver guides him with the reins. When the stock is being fed in the barn-yard, Mr. Johnson says that Don Sancho, as he calls the mule, will eat his own regular ration, and if he gets through first will walk off from the trough and never offer to disturb any other animal that is still eating, though he whips them all at other times; but if an ox or cow comes around and attempts to partake of the feed of any of the other horses or mules, Don Sancho will quickly drive them away. Mr. Johnson moved from Tom Green county, where Don Sancho was foaled, to Bell county, when Sancho was a yearling colt, and shortly after he had got settled in Bell county Sancho was missing. Going back to Tom Green county after some other stock he found his mule colt there on his old range—he having gone back about 225 miles to reach his old range. When Don Sancho was seven years old Mr. Johnson moved to Fannin county, and about two years later Sancho strayed off again. After hunting for him everywhere and advertising for him, Mr. Johnson received a letter from a brother in Tom Green county telling him his big mule was out there, and it is over 500 miles to that region. Mr. Johnson says that whenever the mule gets outside he strikes a bee-line in the direction of his old home.

THE entries for many of the most important events to be decided next season on the principal Eastern tracks closed on January 1. The complete list of entries for the Brooklyn Handicap and Suburban Handicap which had come to hand up to Monday last will be found of interest. The Brooklyn Handicap will be run at the spring meeting of the Brooklyn Jockey Club in May, and the entries are as follows:

Name.	*Age.*	*Name.*	*Age.*
The Bard	6	Egmont	6
Eurus	6	Prince Royal	4
Eolo	4	Raceland	4
Marauder	4	George Oyster	4
Now or Never	4	Wheeler T.	4
Belvidere	5	Jacobin	5
Larchmont	4	Monmouth	4
Hanover	5	Specialty	4
Kingston	5	Niagara	5
Sir Dixon	4	Bonnie Kitty	3
Inspector B	6	Servia	3
Bella B	4	Drumstick	5
Exile	a	Glen Cree	3
Peg Woffington	4	Defaulter	4
Elkwood	6	Torchlight	4
Quito	6	The Don	3
Terra Cotta	5	Glen Echo	4
Barrister	4	Gorgo	4
Judge Murray	4	San Simeon	4
Longdale	5	Wary	5
Insolence	5	Gallifet	4
Clay Stockton	4	Tennyson	4
The Bourbon	6	Juggler	4
Bendigo	4	Swift	a
Richmond	a	Falcon	4
Donnybrook	5	Connemara	5
Eleve	4	Pocatello	4

The Suburban Handicap will be run at the spring meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club in June, and the entries that are to hand are as follows:

Name.	*Age.*	*Name.*	*Age.*
Insolence	5	Terra Cotta	5
Clay Stockton	4	Egmont	6
Darlington	4	Jacobin	5
Charley Dreux	4	Wary	5
Montrose	5	Tennyson	4
Bonnie Kittie	3	Heyday	3
Champagne Charley	3	Wahsatch	3
Niagara	5	Badge	4
Elkwood	6	Torchlight	4
Pocatello	4	Defaulter	4
Richmond	a	Hypocrite	4
Bendigo	4	White	4
Wynndon	5	Erebus	a
Monmouth	4	Quito	6
Brian Boru	5	Glen Echo	4
Gorgo	4	San Simeon	4
Volunteer	3	Firenzi	5
Fitz James	4	Prose	4
Aurelia	5	Yum Yum	4
Prodigal	5	Hanover	5
Kingston	5	Sir Dixon	4
Inspector B	6	Bella B	4
Prince Royal	4	Raceland	4
George Oyster	4	Barrister	4
Donnybrook	5	Carroll	3
Belvidere	5	Montague	4
Larchmont	4	Galore	4
Sobrante	4	Gallifet	4
Drumstick	5	Eolian	6
Falcon	4	Connemara	5
The Bard	6	Eurus	6
Eolo	4	Taragon	4
Marauder	4	Now or Never	4
Judge Murray	4		