that the interest in trotting horses at Downmere would never languish, for like many of her sisters in California and Kentucky, Lord Downmere's charming bride was an enthusiastic horsewoman and lover of the trotting horse.

Since that time, years ago, the trotting interest has grown and spread in England, though slowly; tracks have been built and associations started at many points. Occasionally I heard from my friend, but as yet none of his stock were old enough, or in proper condition to distinguish themselves. Several times I noticed the names of some of the Downmere colts in the *Spirit of the Times* as having started in races in France and England, but never as winners.

To-day, however, comes the joyful news that places a crown on our efforts and gives Martyr a reputation as a sire. The "consummation so devoutly to be wished" has arrived and will doubtless be followed by many more brilliant victories, that will increase the interest in trotting in England and encourage other breeders to follow this example. Martyr's colts are now coming on, and the first of them in his first race (as I subsequently learned) gets a race record of 2:22.

As I cable my hearty congratulations I flatter myself that I feel altogether as pleased at the good news as Lord Downmere and his beautiful American wife.

Frank Deane.

[*See Large Supplement.*]

THE MEADOW FARM.

ARISTIDES, 2:20¾.

The distinguished son of Red Wilkes, Aristides, the premier at the Meadow Farm, Pittsfield, Mass., is indeed a prominent stallion. His recent performance when he got a record of 2:20¾ has brought this grand five-year-old to the very front. This was at Watertown, N. Y., in September, where he lowered his record from 2:28½ to 2:20¾. He was entered in the 2:25 class against such horses as Benton Wilkes, M. C., Mollie G., and Paragon. In this race, Aristides won a heat in the fastest time ever then recorded over the Watertown track, getting his record.

Aristides has been selected for Meadow Farm not only because he possesses speed, is a game and courageous horse, and has individual credit of a high order; but also because his breeding is a combination of the best speed producing lines. From both sire and dam, Aristides inherits a cross of Hambletonian, Mambrino Chief and Clay blood, thus combining the three great families that together have produced the American trotter in his highest development.

Aristides was foaled in 1886; he is a magnificent bay horse, standing 15-3 hands high, and was bred at Williamstown, Ky. He is, as we said before, by Red Wilkes, the greatest son of Geo. Wilkes. His first dam, Monie West, was by Almont 33, sire of thirty-eight performers in the 2:30 list, with 425 descendants with records ranging from 2:12¾ to 2:30. His second dam was by Cassius M. Clay (Gaines'), son of Cassius M. Clay, Jr. 22. Aristides' third dam was by Woful (Stanisfer's). His extended pedigree can be seen in our advertising columns, or those desirous of further information should write to Col. Walter Cutting, Pittsfield, Mass., for the catalogue of the Meadow Farm, which is one of the largest in the country, and where unlimited capital and expert skill are combined in the business of raising the best horses in the world.

With such a pedigree, it is hardly to be expected that Aristides should be anything but a fast trotter, and his record this year is, it is confidently stated, no guide as to the limit of his speed. As a sire of course this young horse is as yet untried, his colts, however, though being too young for training, and being in the majority of cases out of common mares, are most promising. Everything promises success in this direction, for Aristides, and his get as they grow older will undoubtedly do great credit to their sire, who himself does more than credit to the great Red Wilkes.

It is interesting to note here that the combination of the Wilkes and Almont blood has already produced Charleston 2:15; Grattan 2:18¼; Boaz 2:19¼; Limestone 2:19¼; Dumas (p.) 2:18¼; President Wilkes (p.) 2:19¼; and many others in 2:30.

The picture of Aristides, which is presented to our readers in the Supplement of Noted Stallions, was taken from a photograph, and is considered a good likeness of this distinguished young horse. The Meadow Farm is destined to be one of the greatest and most successful breeding establishments in America, and we predict that Aristides will more then justify the selection of Col. Walter Cutting in placing him at the head of the stud.

Those desirous of breeding mares to this horse should communicate with Col. Walter Cutting at the Farm, where this horse will make the season at a fee of $100.

John B. Gaines, of this city, sold recently to F. E. Prince, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, for $500, a two-year-old bay stallion by Palestine Hambletonian, (trial 2:26¼), dam by C. F. Clay (218). He is one of the handsomest and most promising colts ever sold from this section, and good judges say was very cheap at the price. He is fully 15-2, bright bay, and a horse of fine conformation and great style, and is sure to become popular as a stock horse in his new home. Frank Ramsey, a driver of no little reputation and of high standing, will develop the colt and no doubt will make him go a merry clip, as he already shows a strong inclination to do so.—*Bowling Green, Ohio, Daily Times.*