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THE KETCHAM FARM.

BARONSTEIN 6149.

Mr. George H. Ketcham, one of Toledo's representative citizens and America's enthusiastic horsemen, is the founder of the Ketcham Farm, which ranks in its equipments with Rush Park, the Hamlin Farm or Palo Alto, and will also in the speed it will produce in years to come. Mr. Ketcham, finding his health impaired, began to search for a means to recruit and, his physicians recommending outdoor exercise, he resolved to become a breeder, establish a stud, and train and drive his own horses when so inclined, at least enough to give him the needed exercise to aid in recuperation. Accordingly he soon found himself the owner of something over one thousand acres of the choicest land in northern Ohio. It is, indeed, a delightful spot, and worthy to be the home of a world-beater, as has been fully attested by many a lover of the horse who has been fortunate enough to visit the Ketcham Farm.

Mr. Ketcham spent much time in order to find a stallion who would do honor to his new venture. He decided at last to select a choice Wilkes stud, and therefore purchased Baronstein, who is represented in our supplement of great stallions and whose rich pedigree we tabulate below:

BARONSTEIN, 6149.

- BARON WILKES.....2:18
  - GEO. WILKES.....2:22
    - Gr. Sire of
    - Allerton.....2:09¼
    - Axtell.....2:12
    - Etc.
  - Hambletonian, 10.....
    - Gr. Sire of
    - Sunol.....2:08¼
    - DOLLY SPANKER.....
  - And Sire of
  - Six in.....2:30
  - MAMBRINO PATCHEN.....
  - SALLY CHORISTER.....
  - Dam of
  - Two in.....2:30
  - BELLE PATCHEN.....2:30¾
- STEINETTE.....
  - STEINWAY.....
  - Record, 3 yr. old.....2:25¾
  - And Sire of
  - Cricket.....2:10
  - And Five others.
  - STRATHMORE.....
  - ABBESS.....
  - Dam of
  - Two in.....2:30
- Dam of
- Bourbon Russell.....2:30
  - NED.....
  - Dam of Clemmie G.....2:51½
  - Post Boy.....2:23
  - Forrest Wilkes.....2:15¼
  - Alice Stoner.....2:24½
  - Mystery.....2:25¼
  - EDWIN FORREST.....
  - (Berkelys)
  - Daughter of.....

Baronstein is a horse of superb conformation and faultless action; he is a trotter as game as a bull-dog; of a family that have not only been regarded pre-eminently above all families as game trotters, but as producers of speed. How often have we heard, towards the end of a hard-contested race, "Wilkes blood will now tell." This is not mere words, but in the majority of cases it has proved true. It was certainly unfortunate for Baronstein as a trotter that he wrenched his tendon, thereby preventing his getting a mark, which certainly would have been a low one. Nevertheless, he showed a public trial of 2:21, which mile he made without any effort, and after which he was injured as above noted.

It seems to us that no breeding farm in the country has the splendid opportunities of becoming celebrated as the Ketcham Farm.

There is hardly an improvement of any value which has not been adopted in its appointments. The well-fenced paddocks, the solid and commodious farm buildings, and pleasant residence for the superintendent, all strike the stranger most favorably, and a closer inspection only confirms his first impressions. Visitors to the farm, and they are many, speak enthusiastically of the splendid accommodations which are there for the horses themselves, but are never satisfied to make the rounds of the farm before a visit has been paid to Baronstein's stall. This beautiful animal, whose stall is as neat as a lady's boudoir, is always much admired, and he certainly deserves the compliments that are lavished on his appearance, clean, graceful shape, and rich, glossy, seal brown coat.

Baronstein's service fee in 1893 will be $50, and Mr. Ketcham makes a very liberal offer to owners of performing and producing mares. To such he will give Baronstein's services free of charge, and in addition he will pay the sum of $500 to any of the get of Baronstein that enter the 2:30 list in 1893.

Baronstein, though prevented from winning laurels on the track, will undoubtedly prove a great sire, for if any grandson of George Wilkes or son of Baron Wilkes has the appearance of being a producer it is the horse at the head of the Ketcham Farm stud.

We should very much like to mention a few of the choice bred mares at the farm; but our readers can get a copy of the new catalogue for 1893 by writing to Mr. Ketcham. It will be of great benefit to all horsemen to have this handsome book, as it contains a very full description of the stock at this farm, as well as a lithograph of Baronstein.

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