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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

We shall issue, under date of Dec. 23, a handsomely-illustrated Christmas number of the AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER, with lithographed covers printed in purple and gold. This issue will contain special articles of permanent value, also valuable tables The unparalleled success for reference. which attended our Christmas number compliof last year, and the many mentary notices and letters concerning it, leads us to believe that the Christissue for this year will meet with a still more flattering reception.

Already we have booked orders for several thousand extra copies, but we shall print an edition sufficiently large to meet any reasonable demand. To save any disappointment we would suggest to all patrons, breeders, newsdealers and others, the desirability of sending in their orders in advance. To our subscribers] there will be no extra charge for their regular copies, but for extra numbers the price upon Christmas issue. postage paid, will be twenty-five cents per copy.

This Christmas publication, with its permanent character and its attractive features, is specially valuable to our advertising patrons. It will reach a circle of readers nearly twice as large as that reached by our usual issues. It will be carefully read and preserved. Already we have been favored with the announcements of upwards of 150 of our advertising patrons. As our space is limited, we trust those who are intending to place their advertising favors with us will notify us at once. Quite a number of our friends were disappointed last year in not securing the advertising space they desired, owing to insufficient notice of our intention to issue a Christmas number. This year we hope that all will be duly advised and will act accordingly. To reach 50,000 readers interested in horse matters in so attractive a medium as our Christmas number for 1893 is a privilege worth considering by those who have goods to sell. Our prices for advertising space in this number are lower than those of any other journal of the same class.

THE CHAMPIONS.

One of our readers has requested that we publish a list of the following champions, which will undoubtedly be of general interest:

The best record by a stallion of any age is held by Directum, son of Direct (2.17); dam, Stemwinder (2.31, dam of three in 2.30), by Venture (2.27½), a thoroughbred son of Belmont; second dam by Bennett's St. Lawrence; third dam by Langford, another in a race is that of Alix, and is 2

third Portia, ... 2.103.

The best record by stallion is also held by Aric The best record of any stallion is the champion stallion. by Directum, and is 2.051.

The best by a five-year-old stallion. by Kremlin, son of Lord Russell; Eventide (dam of Erin, 2.243, Evern 2.28, etc.), by Woodford Mambrino (2.2 second dam, Vara (dam of Vatican, 2.2. by Hambletonian; third dam, Venus (dan. of Vassar, etc.), by American Star. Kremlin's record is 2.07\frac{3}{2}.

The best record by a mare of any age is that of Nancy Hanks, by Happy Medium; dam, the great brood mare Nancy Lee, by Dictator; second dam, Sophie, by Edwin Forrest; third dam by Brown Pilot; fourth dam, a thoroughbred daughter of Bertrand. This record remains for another season at 2.04.

The best record by a two-year-old mare is held by Silicon, by Wilton (2.19½), dam by Hambrino (2.211); second dam, Siteer Lock (dam of Silverone, 2.193), by Mar brino Time, and is 2.15\frac{3}{4}.

The fastest record by a three-year-old mare is held by Fantasy, by Chimes (2.303), dam by Almonarch (2.24%), second dam by Almont Jr. (2.26), third dam by Hamiin Patchen, etc., and is 2.083.

The four-year-old record by a mare is held by Alix, by Patronage, dam by Attorney, second dam by Gen. Hatch, third dam, Dolly (dam of three in 2.30), by the thoroughbred Iowa, son of imported Glencoe, and is 2.10.

The fastest record by a five-year-old mare is also held by Alix, and is 2.07%.

The best record by a gelding of any age is now held by Guy, by Kentuck ce, dam, Flora Gardiner (dam of Freu 2.20½), by American Star, grandam by Richmond, and is 2.093.

The best record by a two-year-old gelding is still held by Fred Crocker, by Electioneer, dam by St. Clair, and is 2.251.

The fastest record by a three-year gelding is held by Little Snap, son of Kellar Thomas (2.123), dam, Maud M. (2.28), by Crazy Nick Jr., and is 2.17\frac{1}{2}.

The record by a four-year-old gelding now held by David B., by Young Jim, son of George Wilkes (2.22), dam, Rosa Clay, by Aher American Clay, second dam by Smith's Messenger, and is 2.12\frac{1}{2}.

The best record by a five-year-old gelding is still held by Jay-Eye-See, by Dictator, dam, Midnight (dam of Eelctricity, 2.173, Noontide, 2.20½, etc.), by Pilot, Jr., second dam, Twilight, thoroughbred, by Lexington, and is 2.10\frac{3}{2}.

The best record of any yearling is now held by Pansy McGregor, by Fergus Mc-Gregor, son of Robert McGregor (2.171), dam, Cora (2.25), by Coriander, and is 2.23\frac{3}{4}.

PACING RECORDS.

The best pacing record of any station is held by Direct, son of Director (2.17), dam, Echora (2.23½), by Echo, second dam by Jack Hawkins, thoroughbred son of Boston, and is $2.05\frac{1}{2}$.

The best pacing record by a mare is held by May Marshail, by Billy Wilkes (2.291), son of Harry Wilkes (2.13½), dam, Bennie Snyder (dam of Mary Marshall, 2.123), by Mambrino Abdallah, second dam by Nick Monroe, son of Jim Monroe, and is 2.081.

The fastest record by a gelding is now a tie between Flying Jib and Mascot. Flying Jib is by Algona, son of Almont, dam, Middletown Mare (dam of Warrina, 2.25), second dam, Emblem (grandam of Arion, 2.073), by Tattler (2.26), and is 2.04.

RACE RECORDS.

The best race record by a stallion is nominally that of Directum, made the third heat of a race at Lexington, Ky., and is 2.05\frac{1}{4}.

The best record of any two-year-old stallion in a race is held by William Penn, son of Santa Claus (2.17½), dam by Dauntless, second dam by Envoy, son of Gen. feet for ar Hatch, third dam by the thoroughbred, im- the home ported Consternation, fourth dam, Rodes Mare (dam of Lady Thorn, 2.184, Mambrino a Patchen, etc.), by thoroughbred Gano, and is 2.18\frac{1}{2}.

The best record of any three-year-o' stallion in a race is held by Directum, an 2.11法.

The best race record by a four-year stallion is also held by Directum, $2.05\frac{1}{2}$.

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