Some Albion (N. Y.) Trotters.

EDITOR AMERICAN HORSE BREEDER:

The reading of friend Starr's glowing letter from Medina brings forth facts that the writer was aware of and much pleased with, for Novice, the hero of the sketch, is a grandly-bred young horse, and though he has not shown the public as much speed as Mambrino Patchen Jr. This young gelding some of his age, he certainly made a good is a level-going fellow, and can show cose showing this fall, and proved that Maj. Starr, his trainer, made no mistake when he advised Mr. Webber to buy him as a two year old.

Mr. Starr is one of the best-posted judges of breeding and individuality, and the success of Novice is somewhat due to his careful fitting, shrewd manipulation and watchfulness. Brother Starr does not train with a brass band, but he loves his horse, and his integrity, straightforwardness and perseverance in all things is a sure to en of success, which is proved by his achievements.

Although we cannot boast of as much as some of our neighbors, we are not entirely out of sight, for we have Walker H. (2.26%), by Peter G., by Wood's Hambletonian. Walker is a big, strong, bay gelding, with pienty fubstance and lots of speed. His record was de at Medina, in the first heat of a race, when the horse was very sick, and had just been taken from the hands of a trainer, that apparently did him more harm than a crazy man or a 10-cent dude could in a lifetime, and Messrs. Blake & McMann think that by resting him this winter and keeping him in their own string next season, that he can beat 2.20, and the writer expects to see a mark of 2.16 against his name before the close of '94.

The same gentlemen have a well bred young stallion in Capt. Eddy, by Jerome Eddy (2.10%), dam by George Wilkes (2.22), that no doubt will round to and go some next season. We also have Whitefoot (trial 2.27½, race record 2.31½), by Woods' Hambletonian. This horse is very fast and one of the best gaited trotters that ever wore iron. Had he been in the hands of a practical man, he would, no doubt, have 2.15 opposite his name, which is not very unbecoming, to say the least.

This son of Woods' Hambletonian is also a sire of much promise. He has never cov ered a good mare in his life, though the first two of his get to be trained for speed made a good showing at Brockport this fall, when Black Prince, a four year old, took a mark of 2.44 in a winning race, and Carlton Pet, a three-year-old filly, drove Lady Van Dyck out in 241. These colts are both from farm mares and raised by farmers, not breeders in any sense whatever. Black Prince was handled by jolly Fred Leonard and Carlton Pet piloted by Dr. Willyney, our popular

veterinary surgeon.

The horse interests in Albion have been under a cloud for several years, and it has been like pulling teeth to get any one interested in them, but the forming of a driving club three years ago has had a very encouraging effect on quite a number, and we have gone into winter quarters with more interest, encouragement and speed than ever before, and we expect our speed to develop around the stove for a few months to a greater extent than ever. By the time hand organs and butterflies appear again we will blossom out in renewed vigor with the old ones and a few choice young things, for I find George C. Jeffrey, who is breeding a few good ones, will work a yearling filly by Capt. Eddy, dam by that great sire Mambrino King, and our popular driver and trainer of trotters and runners will be out with Rollin Leonard, a young pacing stallion, purchased by him from Mr. Jeffrey.

This colt is very promising, and exceptionally well bred, and bids fair to come to his speed early. He is by the well-bred sire Fieldmont, by Almont 33, out of Maggie Gaines, by Blood's Black Hawk, the best son of Vermont Black Hawk (?), and a great brood mare she is, and in the producing list. Rollin's dam is by that great young sire, Patchen Wilkes; second dam, Alice White, dam of Argo (2.29½), and grandam of Rosemary (2 25% at two years). We also have a green pacing mare by Onyx, without name or fame, that has recently worked a mile better than 2.20. This mare is very steady | would ask, how much over a mile ought a charmed

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Fred Leonard is Mam. he expects to out loose in good season, a as he is an iron-sided campaigner, he wa show us something in Freddy's hands. Our good-natured friend, Garry Bacon, has bought a green one by his favorite stallion, to 2.50 anywhere. No doubt Garry will have a bushel of fun with him, and perhaps win a barrel of money next season. Last and least comes the writer, who has a few j green ones, including the three-year-old Paderewski, a large bay gelding, that can step a watch better than three minutes, with lots of stamina and ability to go close to 2.30 with a little good manipulation. Doc.

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One Who Believes in Time Records.

In reading the columns of the AMERICAN Horse Breeder, a paper of which I are constant reader, I see a great many ar in regard to time records, both pro and must say that after reading fail to look upon a record obta the watch, the most formidab, "o petitors, Nancy Hanks, Dires, the other stars not excepted, will horror and disgust that many seem 2910s-

When I hear men saying that they would as soon have their horses wear the brand cf Texas bronchos as to have tin-cup records, and similar expressions, I am constrained to think, as a rule, that it would be well to class them with those who do not believe in developed sires and dams, and that possibly they are overstocked with a certain class of standard-bred animals that the greatest handler in the world could never develop into four-minute horses, and that they could hardly approve of Arion's mile in 2.10% as a two year old, and who would also be terribly shocked and pained at the inhuman cruelty and barbarity of driving the wonderful colt Perial a two-minformance in the remarkable time The last two performances are som which they probably never would h

lowed their colts to have done. No, ably not.

But to return to the subject, I ask we lies the objection to a horse being credited with the actual time he or she makes when trotting a full mile according to the rule? There is the full distance, 320 rods, staring them in the face, which must be covered, 150 pounds weight in addition to the sulk; | g which must be drawn, stern judges in the stand, whose duty it is to reject the performance if the trotting or pacing is not squarely done, and last, but not least, the most formidable of all competitors, the watch, to battle against. When a horse obtains a record under these conditions it looks to me as though it was simply giving him a fair, even showing to demonstrate his speed, and nothing more.

When a horse gets a record in a race where there is a large field of starters, perhaps being sent off in the second tier, I, for one, say that the time thus obtained forms an unjust criterion of the contestants' true ability. I am as willing as any one else to admit that a record obtained in a race, or in any other way where the horses are handicapped, is a more creditable performance than one obtained against the watch; but, I ask, why should they be handicapped at all? This is supposed to be an advanced era, where everything points to progression.

If the only record which is worthy of the name is one obtained when the animal is handicapped, why not go still farther on the same principle, and go back to the days of Flora Temple, when horses were compelled to draw the high-wheeled sulky of 80 or 100 pounds weight, when boots were almost an unknown factor, and the noble ones were encumbered with more iron on their feet than that of the average truck horse of today.

Among other criticisms to the time record I notice that the one usually made is, that the horse has the pole the whole length of the track, implying, I should judge, that the animal in question only goes a mile.

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