

RISE OF PACERS HAS BEEN RAPID

Horses That Monopolized Card at Columbus Once Barred From Grand Circuit.

By GURNEY C. GIBB.

The programme of four pacing races without a single event for trotters on the card at Columbus last Wednesday was something probably unexampled in the Grand Circuit and something to remind horsemen of the remarkable rise of the once despised sidwheeler in harness racing since the Grand Circuit came into existence forty-seven years ago.

When the first meeting of the Grand Circuit took place at Cleveland, in 1873, there was not one race for pacers during the week, all the purses offered for harness horses being for trotters, while there was a race each day for runners, to give variety to the programme.

At Buffalo, Utica and Springville, and other three cities of the original Grand Circuit, the pacers were likewise tabooed, as they were at most of the numerous trotting meetings on the tracks outside the Grand Circuit.

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Various theories have been advanced by students of horse breeding and harness racing to account for this singular fact. John H. Wallace, founder of the American Trotting Register, maintained that the trot and the pace are merely different manifestations of one and the same gait, often interchangeable in the individual and intertransmissible to the progeny.

Robert Bonner attributed the racing habit of action in trotting bred horses to structural peculiarities and to other mechanical causes. This hypothesis, however, seems to fall short of accounting for the vast increase in the number of trotting bred pacers, of which there are a hundred to-day where there was one forty years ago.

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BREEDERS' MEETING AT POUGHKEEPSIE

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Harry Fleming, who developed and drove all these fast youngsters for Mr. Dickerman, also made a record in the 2:10 list at the meeting, driving the old filly Taurida in a 2:09 1/2, driving her the last quarter in a 2:05 1/2, according to the official time. This promising youngster is one of Mr. Dickerman's other being Vozeta, a black filly that made a record of 2:12 1/2 at the Poughkeepsie breeders' meeting, trotting the second quarter in 0:31 1/2.

Taurida is the twenty-third 2:10 trotter bred by Mr. Dickerman, whose success with a small stud has perhaps never been equaled by any other breeder of trotting horses. Very few studs, large or small, ever produced so many fast ones as have come from the Westchester County Farm and Stud.

The first of the three Orange county meetings which precede the Grand Circuit races at Poughkeepsie will be held at the Hudson River Driving Park, beginning Tuesday and continuing through days. Most of the harness horses that raced last week at Endicott, N. Y., are now racing in the Bay State Circuit.

Cool weather this summer seems to have had a noticeable effect on the market for work horses. The trade in green ones is usually at a standstill in July and August, but this year shipments from the West continue to arrive each week.

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GEERS DRIVING IN GREAT FORM

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