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HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

OLD VIRGINIA THOROUGHBREDS, TIMOLEON BY SIR ARCHY.

Petoskey Chief Goes to North Carolina—Guyon to Be Sold—Mr. Carr's Recent Purchases—Allerton in Training.

AT the commencement of the racing season of 1815 the sons and daughters of Sir Archy came upon the turf with a reputation that soon supplanted the get of almost every sire of that period. That the fame awarded these high-class performers springing from the loins of Virginia's great race-horse and sire was justly merited was ably sustained by subsequent events. His great daughters, Vanity and Lady Lightfoot, then three-year-olds, were beginning a career which elevated them to a commanding position in turf history. Director and other four-year-olds were also proving themselves performers of high calibre. One year later marked the commencement of a career which conferred lasting renown on the young aspirant for turf honors, then three years old, and known henceforth in sporting annals as Timoleon, a sketch of whom forms the subject of this article. The American Turf Register of April, 1833, gives the following description of Timoleon: "We are gratified in being able to present a likeness of this famed horse, and wish it may convey, together with the annexed statement of his dimensions, some idea of the grandeur and magnificence of his appearance that strikes with admiration every beholder. Superadded to his extraordinary size and power, there is a wonderful adaptation of all his parts to the perfect unison of every essential requisite for the distinguished race-horse." Such a one as he is described by competent judges to have been; one that would have ranked among the very first in any age or country. "His color is a light chestnut, and his only mark a star in the forehead. Under the standard he is fifteen hands and three inches high. He is usually considered to have been the best race-horse among the distinguished sons of Sir Archy, and was probably surpassed by no horse that has ever run in America. His reputation was established by thirteen victories within two years at three and four years old."

Timoleon was bred by Mr. Benjamin Jones, of Greensville county, Va., foaled in 1813, and sired by Sir Archy, dam by imported Saltram, second dam by Wildair, third dam by Driver, fourth dam by imported Fallow, out of thoroughbred Vampire mare. The record of his sire, Sir Archy it is unnecessary to recount here, it being sufficient to say that he was the best bred horse of his day, and his subsequent career as a race horse and sire being on a par with his breeding. Imported Saltram (by O'Kelly's Eclipse, out of Virago, by Snap), the sire of Timoleon's dam, before being brought to America, held the first rank on the turf in England, and his stud career afterwards was scarcely less noted.

Timoleon's turf career began as a three-year in the stable of Mr. James J. Harrison, a noted old-time Virginia turfman. His first race was at New Market, near Petersburg; purse race, $100 entrance fee, six subscribers, which he won with ease in two straight heat in 1:47 and 1:48, beating Colonel Alexander's Sambo, Mr. Forrest's gray filly Fair Rosamond and Mr. Jones' Eagle (colt), all of whom were distanced in the second heat. The morning before this race, at sunrise, Timoleon won a match race, one-half mile, for one hundred dollars, against Mr. Worsham's Potomac (colt). Timoleon was then sold to Colonel William Wynn, of Petersburg, for $2,500. Colonel Wynn then trained and ran him in the following races. In the fall of 1816 he started at a post stake at New Market, two-mile heats, $200 entrance, with six entries. The first heat went to him in 3:49, finishing seventy or eighty yards ahead, on account of his jockey being unable to hold him back; as a consequence, the noted mare Vanity, by Sir Archy, after a sharp contest, beat him the next two heats in 3:47 and 3:48, beating Mr. Drummond's Coquette, Mr. Worsham's Lady Richmond, Mr. Forrest's gray filly, Fair Rosamond, and receiving forfeit from Mr. Harrison's colt, Lawrence. The following week he walked over the Bellfield course for the proprietors' purse of $250, at two mile heats. During the same fall he won the Jockey Club purse, at Tarboro, N. C., of $400—two-mile heats, beating the famous Lady Lightfoot, also by Sir Archy. In the year 1817 Timoleon, then four years old, stood at the head of the turf in Virginia and the Carolinas, commencing the year's campaign in February at Charleston, S. C., by starting in a sweepstake two miles with four entries at $200 each, winning in two straight heats in grand style, beating Mr. Singleton's filly, Blank, Mr. Sparrow's colt, and Mr. Avery's colt. Four days later he won the proprietors' purse, three-mile heats, again going under the wire first in straight heats, defeating Mr. Singleton's filly Blank, Mr. Richardson's horse Lycurgus, Mr. Watson's Black-Eyed Susan, Mr. Cooper's Bedford horse and Mr. Taylor's mare.

On the 7th of May following, after traveling from Charleston, S. C., having reached home on March 20th, he won the jockey club purse at the New Market course, four-mile heats, defeating Colonel Allen's great mare, Reality, in straight heats, when the course was considered heavier that ever known before, on account of excessive rains. Time 8:04 and 8:04 1-2. In September he won the jockey club purse at Warrenton, three-mile heats, defeating Mr. Drummond's Harwood and Colonel Worsham's Optimus with great ease. After this race Colonel Wynn sold Timoleon to Mr. Robert R. Johnson, a relative of Colonel William R. Johnson, for $4,100, and in ten days Colonel Wynn offered to repurchase the horse for $5,000, which Mr. Johnson declined. After going in to the stable of his new owner, during the fall of 1817, at the New Market course, he started in a race of three-mile heats for the proprietors' purse of $3,000, and distanced his opponent, Mr. Worsham's Florizel mare in the first heat. The following week he walked over the Belfield course for the jockey club purse when there were a dozen good race-horses on the ground. One week later he walked over the Halifax course for the jockey club purse of $800, while at a like interval he had another walkover at Scotland Neck for the jockey club purse of $400. In January, 1818, the horse was taken to Charleston, and while there was seized with a bad case of distemper. Though suffering from the attack, he was started for the proprietors' purse of $500, two-mile heats, which he won with ease, beating Mr. Cobb's crack mare, Varity, by Sir Archy. On the day following he was started in a race of three-mile heats against Mr. Richardson's mare, Transport, who beat him owing to his being so weak that after running a mile and a-quarter he choked and was drawn. After this it was with much difficulty that he was gotten to his home in Virginia. In the fall of 1818 he was again placed in training, but a few days before the Warrenton races he ran away with his exercise boy, which caused a let-down in one of his legs, after which further training was suspended. In the fall of 1819 Timoleon was sold to Colonel David Darey for $4,300, and taken to Warrenton, N. C., though prior to going out of Mr. Johnson's hands the horse made a season of eighty-three mares. After performing stud duty for a time at Warrenton the horse was taken to Alabama, then to Tennessee, and did much to improve the stock in those sections in which he stood. After being kept in the South for a number of years, Timoleon was brought back to Virginia, and was advertised to make the season of 1830 on the farm of Colonel William Townes, of Boydton, Mecklenburg county. In 1831 he was transferred to Oakley, the home of Henry A. Tayloe, Esq., in Essex county. In after years he stood at Charles City Courthouse, Richmond and other places. As a race-horse Timoleon was a grand success, and as a sire he ranked among the best of his day. Many good race-horses have sprung from the loins of the splendid chestnut son of Sir Archy, but Timoleon's supremacy as a sire was established in turf history when he got Virginia's renowned race-horse Boston.

Mr. W. M. English, formerly of New York, has removed to this city and placed his trotting stock at the Exposition grounds. Mr. English has leased the track and surroundings, and will conduct a public breeding and training establishment, being prepared to handle both thoroughbreds and trotters. In his collection of trotting bred horses he has sons of the noted sires Dictator and Princess, and grandsons of Happy Medium and Coronet, by George Wilkes, 2:22. The services of two of these horses will be offered to the public, viz.: Aloha, by Dictator, and Occidental Prince, by Occidental, son of Happy Medium. Both of these stallions are well-bred and good individuals.

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Mr. D. J. McMillan, of South Washington, N. C., has purchased the bay stallion Petoskey Chief, foaled 1885, sired by Petoskey, son of George Wilkes. Petoskey has to his credit in the 2:30 list, King Tosca, 2:17, pacing; Dora Martin, 2:19 1-2, pacing, at three years old; Mary Lou, 2:19 1-2, pacing; while out of his own dam he got the fast mare Nellie O'Neil, 2:22 1-2. It is the intention of Mr. McMillan to go largely into stockraising. In addition to trotters, he will breed French coach, saddle, Clydesdale and Percheron horses, Holstein, Freisan and Devon cattle.

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Mr. James W. Bethell, of Reidsville, N. C., owner of Meadow View Stock Farm, writes that his trotting stock, including stallions, brood mares and youngsters, have all wintered well and are in fine condition. Mr. Bethell has a number of head in training, from yearlings to aged horses. Among the latter is the chestnut gelding Clipper, by Melville Chief. Clipper got a record of 2:29 1-4 at our Exposition meeting, last fall, and his owner considers him good for a mark close to 2:20 this season.

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Dr. M. S. Sale, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city during the past week. Dr. Sale owns the trotting stallion Temple Bar, 2:17 3-4, the crack stallion campaigner of 1891. He contemplates locating a son of Temple Bar and two other young trotting stallions in the vicinity of Richmond.

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Mr. C. T. Bethel, of News Ferry, Halifax county, has concluded to dispose of his bay stallion Guyon Princess, out of Roma, by Golddust, 150, and has consigned him to Woodard & Shanklin's combination sale at Lexington, Ky., in March. Guyon has a record of 2:30, and was purchased by Mr. Bethel several years ago from Morehead & Salter, of Georgia, and brought to Virginia, where he has sired a number of colts.

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Mr. J. H. Baker, of Tarboro, N. C., has sold to Mr. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., the bay mare Miss Walton, foaled 1882, by Epquirer, dam Mary Walton, by John Morgan, out of Effie Cheatham, by Bill Cheatham; also the chestnut filly foaled 1890 by Ben. Himyar, and bay filly Wenda, foaled 1891, by Ben. Himyar. Both Waltona and Wenda are out of Miss Walton.

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Mr. Joshua Garrison has taken to Norfolk the highly bred chestnut stallion Albano, bred by Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York, by Nutbourne, dam Halcyon, by Cayler, granddam Lady Abdallah, by Alexander's Abdallah. Nutbourne, the dead brother of Nutwood, has amply proven his worth as a sire. Halcyon trotted a trial of 2:21 1-4 for Mr. Bonner and was gotten by the successful sire Cayler, while Lady Abdallah, a producer of standard speed in the first generation, is breeding on thorough both sons and daughters. Albano should do well crossed on Virginia mares.

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Mr. James R. Keene, of New York, has for months past been collecting a choice band of the richest bred and best individual thoroughbred mares to be found in this country and Europe for breeding purposes. It is said that Mr. Keene has for some time been considering the advisability of securing a farm in this State on which to place his rich collection of thoroughbred matrons. With such a large number of mares, embodying largely different strains of blood, the task of selecting sires of suitable breeding and individuality with which to mate them would necessarily be an arduous one, and consequently Mr. Keene sent a representative to the Blue Grass region of Kentucky to make selections of stallions to whom the mares will be booked. Captain Foxhall A. Daingerfield, our well-known Virginia trotting-horse breeder, was chosen to perform the duty, and the Lexington correspondent of The Spirit of the Times has the following very complimentary notice of that worthy gentleman:

Captain Foxhall A. Daingerfield, of Culpeper, Va. (brother-in-law of Mr. James R. Keene), has been in Kentucky for the past week busily engaged in selecting stallions best suited to mate with Mr. Keene's mares. Captain Daingerfield has visited all of the stock farms adjoining Lexington, and seemed very favorably impressed with the character of stock and manner in which they are kept. Captain Daingerfield is considered one of the best judges of individuals, and one of the best posted men on pedigree and blood lines in the country.

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The noted trotting stallion Allerton, 2:09 1-4, is receiving daily work. If the great son of Jay Bird stays right he will make a bid for the stallion championship again this season, guided by the master hand of his owner, C. W. Williams, of Axtell fame. BROAD ROCK.

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BURGLARY HOLDS ITS LEAD.

The Skill of the Safe Crackers Still a Little Too Much for the Safe Makers.

The three safe-cracking episodes following so quickly one upon the other has convinced the police and the agents of all the safe manufacturers that there is a clever gang of burglars working the city. Detectives have been put on the scent, and it is confidently expected that arrests will be made in a few days. The burglaries have started merchants to talking safe a great deal, and many are examining their steel vaults anxiously, because all the safes thus far toyed have been opened with ease.

A clever safe expert talking of the burglaries yesterday said: "The work seems to have been done by men who thoroughly understand the beating of a combination burglar-proof safe. You see, there are two styles of safe-crackers, as we know them, the new and the old. That's how the police get a clue in working up a case. The old-style cracksman used powder. He first drilled a hole beside the lock and then blew it off with a charge of powder. The improved method is to first knock off the spindle and then drive the combination lock back into the safe. Then all the burglar has to do is to open the safe door and help himself. The "Spike Hennessy" style of safe burglar is going out of fashion. During the past ten years only five safes have been blown open. It makes too much noise. All the others have been touched in the latest style. The assessor's safe was tampered with a few months ago, and it was as plain as day that it was the work of an amateur who had just learned enough of the quiet, easy way of breaking open a vault to knock off the combination knob, but there his knowledge of the business ended. Instead of drilling in a little to one side of the combination and driving it in, he thought it was necessary to bore in through the key-hole, as it was a key and combination safe. That settled it. He might have worked a week that way and he couldn't have got in. The result was that he simply injured the safe and caused the city the expense of having it opened.

"The burglars of to-day are much more considerate than they used to be. If they couldn't get in in the days of yore they wrecked the safe just for satisfaction. I recollect a singular affair in the little place called Smartsville, up in Yuba county. One night burglars broke into the general store to tap the safe that was supposed to contain at least $10,000 worth of gold deposited by the miners the day before. It was an iron affair, weighing about 700 pounds. The rascals were afraid to blow it open for fear of arousing the town, so they simply packed it off into an adjacent canon, blew it open, and took everything in sight. They only got a few hundred dollars, though, the gold having been secretly sent to Marysville, where it was banked.

"Several years ago the safe of a wholesale commission house in this city was rifled, and it was several hours before any one could find out just how the job had been done. You know it is a common thing for men working in an office to put their memorandums on the side of the safe. Well, this one was simply covered on one side with pieces of paper. The burglars got in one night and soaked off one of the papers and cut into the side. They could not finish the job in one night, so they pasted the paper on again, and came back the next evening. Then they finished the job, and pulled out everything of value in the safe. When I was called in to solve the problem of how the safe had been looted without touching the door, I lifted up a book and saw the hole from the inside. Then one of the young men employed remembered having seen some white dust on the floor beside the safe the day before the money disappeared. He thought nothing of it, and the safe crackers had an opportunity to do the second night's work.

"Nowadays," continued the expert, merchants do not place the confidence which they used to do in steel vaults. They go to the safe deposits with their valuables. In many of the large houses the safe is simply kept to put the books in to protect them from fire. To save the box from mutilation by burglars they post the combination beside the lock and label it distinctly. In several places the notice reads:

"This is the combination. Do not break the safe open, but follow the instructions written hereon and you will get in without trouble.

"One gentleman has posted this card:

"Our valuables are in the safe deposit. Please don't get mad and have fun with the safe.

"Others do not lock their safes, even. They simply shoot the bolt.

"When the building on Market street next to the Nucleus was being constructed a shirt manufacturer, doing business in the latter structure, was very much disturbed over the safety of his wealth. He had a safe, but he was not at all confident that it could not be entered. One night he had $1,500 on hand and was at a loss what to do with it. A bright idea struck him. He rolled the money, which was all in silver, up in a bundle and placed it beneath the safe. Sure enough that very night the steel vault was opened and the burglars got away with a few dollars in change. The mass of silver was found all right under the cracked safe."—San Francisco Chronicle.

How We Grow Old.

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THE TREASURY CONDITION.

It is in Better Shape Than it Was Nine Days Ago.

The Treasury situation shows improvement. Heavy receipts and smaller expenditures have had the effect of showing a gain in the net balance, which for the past few days had dropped down to a dangerously low margin. To-day it is about $25,000,000, of which $10,000,000 is in subsidiary coin and a like amount in national bank depositaries. The margin a few days ago was only about $23,000,000, which, taking out the two items named, left the Treasury with a very narrow margin to work on.

All the heavy payments likely to occur this month have been made. So far the pension payments have aggregated $10,687,000; the total necessary for the month is estimated at $15,500,000. The total expenditures so far foot up $21,000,000, while the receipts foot up $19,750,000. For the remainder of the month the receipts are expected to increase and the expenditures to decrease, so at the end of the month the account will about balance. The net balance at the beginning of February by the debt statement was $26,265,068.

Treasury officials are still interested in the question of keeping intact the $100,000,000 gold reserve. Secretary Foster authorized the statement to-day that the gold reserve will be kept intact at all hazards. How, he could not say, but he stated with emphasis that if it was necessary to issue bonds to do it he would go even to that extreme. At present the free gold is more than $8,000,000. He said he felt almost certain that he could reach the end of his term without having to issue bonds. "Even to issue bonds—say $50,000,000," said the Secretary, "would not necessarily mean an increase in gold to that extent. The law provides that bonds must be paid for in coin. Silver is coin. What is there to prevent silver or its equivalent being offered for bonds? Nothing. Could I refuse it? No. So if even bonds were sold would that relieve the situation? Not unless an arrangement based on honor between the Secretary of the Treasury and the purchaser was made, and then I would be subject to all sorts of criticisms. The whole subject is surrounded by vexations. You may say, however, that the gold reserve will be kept intact, come what may."