

BREED STURDY HORSES

IN FRANCE, DECLARES TRAINER BACK FROM EUROPE.

They Want "Stayers"—No Two-Year-Olds Are Raced In France Before July 1st.

New York, Dec. 17.—Thomas Welsh, for twenty-five years a noted owner and trainer of thoroughbreds in the United States, and who has been in France for several years, is among the visitors here. He finds a changed sentiment in regard to racing in this country. When he left New York to accept an engagement to take charge of the foreign racing interests of Joseph E. Widener of Philadelphia, there was no racing in New York and very little elsewhere in the Union.

"I am glad to see the horse-racing once more at Saratoga," said Mr. Welsh a few days ago. "In France racing is such a strongly-entrenched institution and was prior to the war so much a part of the life of the nation that one wonders why it is not encouraged everywhere when the results obtained there should be reasonable achievement elsewhere. Going from the United States, I was amazed at the manner in which the sport was conducted. The Government has a well-defined policy for the advancement of its horse-breeding interests, and racing is part and parcel of it. A percentage of the revenue from speculation is devoted to charity and public improvements and the rest is spent in prizes and stakes for racing and for the upkeep of the racing studs.

Incentive To Breeders.

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"Race meetings are given everywhere and always under Government supervision," continued Mr. Welsh. "On the fourteenth day of July, or the Sunday following, there are 240 meetings scheduled throughout the republic. It is a day corresponding to our Fourth of July, and the entire populace gives itself over to pleasure and they know how to enjoy themselves. The holiday is not for the

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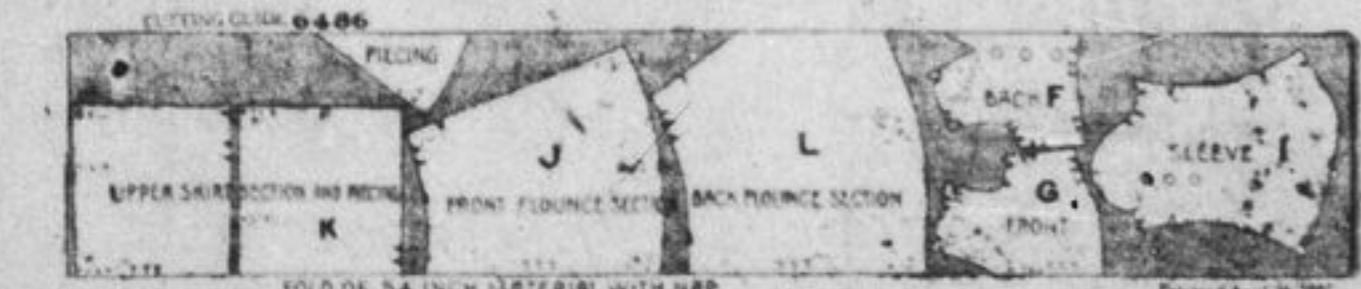
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heads of the family alone. Every member participates. "They endeavor to breed stayers whether at the run or trot, and you won't find any race for three-year-olds and upwards at as short a distance as six furlongs. No two-year-olds are raced before July 1st. "Every addition they have traces over a distance of ground with heavy weights up. A sample race would be that won by the good mare LaFrancaise at Longchamps, when she finished first at four miles with 170 pounds up. They don't baby their horses. Some of the best of them are used as hacks between workdays. When at home I ride one of the best horses in the stable all the time. It accustoms them to handling weight and makes them more tractable.

Many-Sided Policy.

"In order to demonstrate the many-sidedness of the French horse-breeding policy it is only necessary to state that they give steeplechase races for horses which have shown their ability to trot at certain speed—something conforming to the standard of 2.30 in this country. These big horses gallop over long distances, and jump in wonderful fashion. Steeplechasing is encouraged quite as extensively as flat racing by the State, and very large sums are given for events which are exclusively for army horses, and in which only officers may ride. It is in this fashion that the splendid army horse of

France has been evolved, and there is no greater sporting event nor more stirring spectacle than a race for one of these prizes with as many as forty contestants in the field. The officers ride in uniform invariably. "The thought has come to me since returning home and finding racing once more in favor and engaging the attention of thinking people," went on Mr. Welsh, "that the breeding interests of this country would be well served if races for half-bred horses were given at the county fairs. These contests might not be much at first, but gradually a feeling of local pride would be aroused, and with premiums to be won at the various fairs they would be an added incentive to patronize the thoroughbred horses, in the Jockey Club Breeding Bureau in this state and those that are in the charge of the Government in Virginia and other Eastern States.

"The growing demand for horses and artillery should stimulate the movement, for anybody that has seen the results achieved abroad must come to the conclusion that the thoroughbred is the horse to cross on the cold-blooded in order to produce the army horse." Mr. Welsh thinks the French horses are no better than some we have had in this country in the past, but they have more good ones. Some idea of the form abroad may be gained by the fact that Novelty, the Kingston horse that the late Charles Kohler raced in France, was good enough to win the Gold Cup at Maisson Laite and to run a close third to a very good field in the Prix Conseil du Municipal with 140 pounds up. This latter race is at a mile and nine-sixteenths, and is one of the classics of the Continent.

WEDDING AT SYDENHAM.

Took Place In the Methodist Church, On Wednesday.

One of the interesting events of the week was the marriage of Boyd S. Alton, Sydenham, to Miss Sarah Melissa Lorraine Campsall, Ottawa. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. F. A. Read in Grace Methodist Church, Sydenham, at 10.30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15th, and was witnessed by a few invited guests. Miss Alma Johnston, Inverary, cousin of the bride, presided very gracefully at the organ. The bride, prettily and becomingly attired in white silk crepe de chaine, was led to altar by her uncle, Alfred Babcock, and was attended by her younger sister, Miss Nettie. The groom who presented a noble, manly appearance, looked, and no doubt, felt like one who had secured a prize. The pastor's son, Frank Withrow Read, was best man. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party assembled in the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Babcock where they did ample justice to an excellent dinner, after which the happy couple left by train for Belleville, Lindsay and other points in the west, followed by the best wishes of many friends. The gifts to the bride were many, beautiful and appropriate.

Perpetual Subject.

"Do you feel that with your unfortunate habit, you can do the slightest thing to make anybody happier?" "Well," said Bill Bottletop, pensively, "whenever a man comes along wanting somebody to swear off, he knows he kin always depend on me."

Some women speak much to a man's heart and nothing to his mind. An ignorant wise man is less dangerous than an educated fool.

Township Councils

LOUGHBORO.

Sydenham, Dec. 15.—Council met in final session. Minutes of last meeting adopted. Accounts paid: S. Joyner, error in assessment, \$1; W. Ritchie, bonus on wire fence and opening winter road, \$11.50; R. G. Guess, pan for barrow, \$3.50; J. Martin, jobs on the 10th and 11th Con., \$43; L. Hogan, sheep killed, \$4; J. Lindsay, sheep valuator, services, \$1.50; A. Page, work on the Desert Lake road \$18; J. Green, culvert on Perth road, \$5; W. Voncognnet, digging ditch and filling in culvert on 1st Con. \$8; M. Rines, culvert and job on Raymond's Hill, \$18; F. Walsh, drawing tile and filling in culvert, \$3; C. Smith, shovelling snow on 9th Con., west, \$5.65; Edward Sills, material for and repairing sidewalks, \$27.47; J. S. Roberts, supplies to O. Arnold, \$8.50; Wilson Silver, rep. culvert on 6th Con., \$4; B. Pixley, plank for culvert, \$4; J. Buck, bonus on wire fence, \$4.50 and stone for road, \$5; F. Granger, bonus on wire fence, \$5.64, and job near his back place, \$10; A. Thompson, rep. culverts on Opinicon road, \$3; M. Lee, job near his place, \$21.25; W. Smith, clearing out culvert on N. Shore road, \$1; W. Brewer, jobs on the N. Shore road, \$38.10; C. Fraser, caretaker, salary, 1915, \$20; M. Amey, dog tax remitted, \$1; A. Blakesley, sanitary inspector, services, \$11; T. McDonald, building bridges on boundary near Peters', \$48.93 (Loughboro share); J. Henderson, bonus on wire fence, \$4, and cleaning out culvert, \$50; W. Harker, gravelling road near H. Knight's, \$10; H. Shalps, work on Wilmer road, \$27; H. Vanliven, rep. culverts, \$3, and bonus on wire fence, \$3.20; A. Kische, \$5.60, and W. Koen, \$6.70, bonus on wire fences.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to pay the printing accounts at the Whig and Standard offices also the amount, \$125.22, due the county for road tile. On motion, McCrory-Ennis, the following were appointed deputy returning officers for the next ensuing municipal elections, viz. R. G. Guess, George Harker, M. Spafford, Franklin Stone, H. L. Bauder and James Boyle. By-laws 79 and 80 for confirming the appointment and fixing the amounts of remuneration of the township officers were passed and council adjourned.

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