

SPORTING NEWS

SHOWERS OF GOLD

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At no time in the history of light harness racing has there been so much money in sight for the trotters and pacers as at the beginning of 1925. Cleveland led off by renewing the Relay Stake for two-year-olds with a guaranteed value of \$10,000. It closed with fifty-two nominations, and is apt to be worth double that amount. Syracuse also renewed its oddly named Wet Weather track event for foals of 1923. It also has a guaranteed value of \$10,000. As the owners enter very liberally, as the New York State Fair this will no doubt be worth \$15,000.

For the other mile track meetings Kalamazoo has received the \$25,000 pacing feature which Fred Hyde won last year, with Margaret Spangler. In 1925 the conditions require a horse to win two heats to get the big end of the purse. This race with a \$10,000 top will keep the Kalamazoo meeting up to the standard set last year.

In the Grand Circuit schedule for 1925 Aurora was given the two weeks assigned Windsor last year. For its inaugural meeting the Illinois city offers a \$25,000 race for the 2:08 trotters and \$10,000 for a series of dash races for pacers. Toledo also added a \$25,000 trot to its race programme. As the entries closed a few days ago the public will be advised at an early date as to whether enough nominations were received to put it over.

In addition to the above Syracuse can be depended on to give a \$10,000 event for trotters as it has done for a number of years and a \$10,000 event for the pacers. Columbus and Lexington will also renew the fixtures which have made their meetings so popular while Atlanta is planning a \$10,000 card for the second week in October.

In the matter of early meetings the Ohio Short Ship Circuit will start in May with a series which will take the horses to Canton, Akron, Findlay, Marion, Sandusky and Cleveland. In the east meetings will be held on the same dates by the Ray State Circuit. This year the New England half milers exceed the leading courses of the country in their offering. In seven weeks \$141,700 will be distributed. The list of events including two \$10,000 races and nine which call for \$5,000. To this is added \$2,000 and \$3,000 purses for the two and three year old trotters and horses which are eligible to start in the larger fixtures.

The series will open at Worcester where two of the \$5,000 races will be decided. At Norwich the following week there will be three \$5,000 races on the card and at Avon four. Windsor has renewed its \$10,000 races which were won last year by Payette National and Johnny H. Springfield. Northampton and Greenfield follow with their usual attractive cards.

After the close of the Greenfield meeting the horses will drop into the Orange County Circuit. This formidable group of tracks on which "racing is conducted as a sport" will give \$112,000 in purses and special prizes for four weeks racing. Each of them have two \$5,000 races for trotters while the colts and pacers are well taken care of at Endicott, Monroe, Goshen and Middlebury.

This series will bring racing up to the fairs. In eastern Pennsylvania the Central Fair Circuit leads off with a chain of meetings running from August 18 to October 24. During the ten weeks there will be racing at Kutztown, Lewisport, Lebanon, Pottsville, Reading, Allentown, Lancaster, York, Hagerstown and Frederick. In western Pennsylvania the Keystone and Lake Erie Circuits will hold meetings at Imperial, Altoona, Waynesburg, Washington, Indiana, Dawson, Butler, Cumberland and Wheeling. Apollo, New Castle, Ford City.

To these can be added the group of independent fairs in Pennsylvania, the fair circuits in Ohio where over seventy meetings are held between the last of July and the middle of October, as well as an equal number in New York state. In addition to the above Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia fairs hold race meetings in September and October before the racing stables move further south.

In the east the Bangor to Brockton Circuit follows the close of the

Ray State Circuit. It opens at Bangor and closes at Brockton with a \$40,000 programme, the intervening points being Waterville, Lewiston, Gorham and Rochester. Vermont will be in line with meetings at Middlebury, Rutland, Essex Junction and White River Junction while in Quebec the members of the St. Lawrence Valley Circuit will soon be extending invitations to the horsemen to come to Sherbrooke, Three Rivers and other points in that group. Northern Maine and the Maritime Provinces have also planned a renewal of its double circuit of race meetings and fairs which will keep the horses busy from the first of July until cold weather calls a halt in that locality.

The associations in the south land are busy planning meetings for October and November. On February 6 the members of the Dixie Fair Circuit met at Wilson, N. C. and selected dates for eight meetings at Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Wilson, Fayetteville, Tarboro, Greensboro and Clinton between September 23 and November 5. In this circuit Wilson and Fayetteville will hold meetings the week of October 19 and Tarboro and Greensboro the week of October 26. Another circuit has also been planned to carry the line of racing through South Carolina, stopping at Spartanburg, Columbia and Bishopville. This will carry the horses up to the middle of November and will be followed by the Florida State Fair at Jacksonville Thanksgiving Day week.

The volume of money offered for high harness racing in 1925 is enormous. New towns have taken the places of those which have fallen by the wayside and at the same time increased the purse offerings to figures which looked like dreamland fabrics a few years ago. The trotters and pacers are at last coming to their own. Those who stood firm in their production and development will be rewarded for their courage, loyalty and foresight. At the recent sales colts sold for more money than ever before and worth while racing material is commanding figures which now make a clever trotter and pacer an asset instead of a liability.

THE PASSING OF LOU DILLON

Leaves Uhlan, (1:58) Alone in Paddock That He Shared With the Peerless Mare for Many Years

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The passing of Lou Dillon (1:58 1/2) at the age of 27 years, one of the greatest trotters that ever lived, leaves Uhlan (1:58) alone under the eucalyptus trees in the paddock overlooking the Pacific Ocean that he shared with the peerless mare for so many years at Santa Barbara, says the Herald-Tribune. These superb trotters each a champion, perfect in gait and faultless in form, have been enjoying the closing days of their existence in a manner befitting the parts they played in the life of their owner, C. K. G. Billings, who has counted that day lost that did not include a visit to them while he was in California.

It is many years since Lou Dillon, who took her record in 1903, felt the chafe of harness. Her days as a matron were full of usefulness. Her children achieved distinction beyond the ordinary on the turf. They in turn, have transmitted to their children the splendid qualities that for nine years made their mother a world's champion, and it is probable that long after the dust of Lou Dillon has mingled with the soil of her native California the fame of the renowned mare will be kept alive by the prowess of still more remote descendants.

Those who have been privileged to note the bond of affection between Lou Dillon and Uhlan and the devotion of Mr. Billings to the strength of the tie that binds a sportsman to horses that have achieved the unusual for him. With his dainty chestnut mate gone out of his life, the black warrior, whose versatility has never been approached by a horse of his type, is left alone and far from the days when crowds acclaimed him champion of the world.

THE SUCCESSFUL WIFE

A wise mother said to her daughter the night before her wedding: "The time will come when nothing but pride or religion will keep you living with your husband." Where is the bride who believes this? And yet the prediction applies to every bride in our world.

It is no human to walk the road of life, hand in hand, without misunderstandings and heartaches. It happens to the closest friends; it is inevitable in the most devoted households.

Jealousy, injustice, bitterness are the original sins of married life. We stand together under the June moon of courtship, but when the partnership has become one of sharing problems and daily trials, we look across a chasm. The cynic who says "Marriage is a game of give and take, where the woman does the giving," sounds a destructive note.

There are three things the successful wife never gives: her conscience, her pride and her determined adherence to the faith which was the root of her love.

It takes courage to say "This thing is right and just, and so I shall do it," and to say it without a whine of anger or hysteria.

The woman who hasn't the courage to say, "This is my father and these are my friends," and it can not be entirely separated from their lives," will not retain her husband's confidence. There can be no love without respect, and respect is born of character.

The husband may not be conscious of it, but deep in his soul will lie the fear that the wife who can cut old ties may not have strength to be true to new ones. Love is never strengthened by a sacrifice based on injustice.

The successful wife is the one with the intelligence and the character to retain her own dignity and bring up her husband as she does her children!

CURIOS MARRIAGE CUSTOMS

After the wedding ceremony in many parts of India, particularly in Behyal, the bride and groom are tied to gether by the corners of their garments, and made to parade the full length of the village, to signify to all that they are united for life.

At a Cingalese wedding the men and women are tied together by their thumbs, and in parts of Northern India the custom is to tie a piece of string or thread round the bride's wrist.

Another very ancient custom that is still observed in many marriages is that of placing the yoke of a bullock on the head of the bride for a moment in order to impress upon her the duty of complete submission to her husband.

Among the Kirids, the bridegroom no doubt thinking of the possibility of divorce which is easily obtained—stands in a stream of running water while promising his marriage vows. This signifies that he washes away the binding nature of the promise, and therefore the breach of it is less sinful!

The marriage ceremony in Afghanistan is simple if nothing else. All the man has to do is to cut off a lock of a girl's hair or throw a sheaf over her and proclaim her his bride!

In Persia marriages frequently take place between boys and girls. One of the boys employed by the British Army in Kermaushah in 1919 was fourteen years old and had been married twice.

When a Persian takes his bride home, sheep are usually killed as she steps over the threshold. A similar custom is prevalent among the Arabs, and when the bride reaches the threshold of her new home a sheep killed and she has to step over a stream of its flowing blood.

In Turkey, when the bridegroom unveils his bride to have his first view of her after the marriage ceremony, they both look into a mirror and knock their heads together so that the images may appear up to.

Carried Over a Charcoal Fire. In certain parts of China the bride is carried on a servant's back over a slow charcoal fire, on each side of which are arranged a pair of the bridegroom's shoes. Another custom is that of lifting the bride over the threshold of her new home.

The men of Abyssinia usually carry their brides from their old homes to their new ones, no doubt imitating the ancient custom of taking wives by force. In Somalia land they have a queer custom of shutting up the bride and bridegroom for seven days after the wedding.

After an Algerian wedding the bridegroom enters his home backwards holding a dagger in his hand, and his bride follows him, touching the point of the blade with the tip of her finger. In the Gilbert Islands a man can demand his wife's sisters in marriage, and he is also expected to take his brother's wifedoms!

The inhabitants of the Cook Islands have for many years practiced a very curious marriage custom. A few days before the wedding takes place the bride walks to the bridegroom's house on a path composed of members of her future husband's tribe, who lie face downwards on the ground. On the wedding day the man walks to his bride's house over the members of her tribe. Should the distance be great, those lying at the back of the row wait until they have been walked over, then get up and run to the head of the line and lie down again!

A LUNCH OF FRUIT
Fruit luncheons are popular features for fall days and informal occasions for many years past. They are easy to prepare, tasteful and decorative. Here is a sample menu:

Fruit Cocktail
Peach Compote
Cheese and Olive Sandwiches
Apple Turnovers or Individual Pies
Tea

Peach compote has boiled rice as its foundation, to which has been added a custard of one and one-half cupsful of milk, yolks of 3 eggs and 3 tablespoonsful of sugar stirring into the rice long enough to allow it to thicken, this proportion being used to one half cupful of raw rice before boiled. Pile in cones and cover with cooked peaches in their own juice.

The fruit cocktail lends itself to various combinations. Pears sliced thin over which preserved ginger is sprinkled and the sirup of the ginger, thinned slightly with lemon juice is poured, is an attractive recipe.

A lettuce and grape fruit or orange salad might be added if desired.

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