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Back Stretch

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son she was turned over from the pace to the trot and in her very first start at Montague won handsomely in 2:14 4/5 and a week later won at Charlottetown in 2:14. Then followed her great performance at Truro, N. S. where she won from a field of fast pacers, the first dash in 2:11 and the second in 2:10 or better. Everyone then predicted 2:10 or better for her and a week or so later in a work-out over the Charlottetown track—which was not at all fast at the time—she trotted easily in 2:10. Then Mary and Earle were on their feet to bigger fields of action where she carried on her successes and at Lewiston, Maine, Oct. 24, she won both dashes from the best trotters in the Pine Tree State in 2:09 3/5, 2:08 2/5. What is more remarkable than the time is the fact that it was cold and windy and conditions were at least three seconds slow. Many horsemen have talked to believe she would be 2:05 or better over a track like Roosevelt this season. Her total season's winnings last season were \$4,547, and she is now eligible to the 2:18 trot.

While at Roosevelt Raceway Earle bought a very handsome and promising young stallion, then a two-year-old, Dean Gallon, from the Johnny Simpson stable. This horse had worked a few days previously in 2:11 on the trot and would not have been sold only for the fact that Mr. Simpson had signed a contract with Hanover Sire Farms to train and drive for them exclusively. Dean Gallon as his trial mile showed a truer and very brilliant future and barring accidents we look to see him take a record this season of 2:06 or better on a half mile track. The third member of Earle's stable is Ill Conno, a three-year-old by Calumet and a 59th that showed a mile in 2:18 on the pace as a two-year-old last season. He is owned by Harlan Redding of Lewiston, Me., and is well thought of. Earle plans on racing here until some time in July and then moving on to Bangor, Me., where Mar Merck entered in a \$2,000 trot on August 1st, and a \$1,500 trot at Presque Isle, August 8th, and a \$2,000 trot at Skowhegan August 15th. We are sure Earle's many friends throughout the Maritimes will follow with greatest interest his racing career in 1952 and hope that he will have the success his reputation and high quality horses deserves.

Roy Mills, well known horseman of Hunter River, is with Roddie Ford, another splendid trainer and fitter, planning to move to the Charlottetown track with Ralph McFadyen's horses as soon as the warmer weather arrives. They are Peaceful Peter, Abe Micaly, Mrs. Ralph McFadyen's handsome little mare Kalmuck Etta, Baron 2:11, owned by Roddie, and Bob Dale, owned by Roy. They have all been given as much exercise as weather and conditions permitted and excellent care, and are really raring to go. It is possible that trainers Ford and Mills will bring in two or three colts to give early lessons to. By the way, the cinder track, just inside the half mile oval at the Charlottetown Raceway, has had several carloads of cinders spread over it recently and has been rolled and is now in perfect condition and being used daily by the horses stabled there. This has been a very popular move by the management and will mean that horses trained over it will be in better condition earlier than they have been for some years.

A regrettable accident which will prevent race training for a couple of months has happened to Walter Hennessey's valuable stallion Cheeky Chief 2:04. The worst feature of it is that Cheeky Chief had been showing up particularly well and was perfectly sound, so that Walter and son Joe looked forward to a very happy racing season with him. The accident will not prevent him from being used for breeding purposes and that will give quite a number of horsemen who admire him, access to his services.

Horsemen are reminded that the last date for the acceptance of eligibility applications at the \$2.00 fee by the United States Trotting Association, is May 1st, and they should leave here in time to arrive there by that date. After May 1st eligibility certificates cost \$4.00 each. The long spring season, with the presence of so much snow has no doubt made us forget that the racing season is not too far away.

The last news we had from California is Highland Ellen, holder of the world's record for four heats over a mile track, had stepped the fastest mile of the season winning in 2:00 4/5. She was driven by Guy Crippen. The same afternoon Joe O'Brien won with Mailman, son of Ensign Hanover, and that added a new standard performer to the list of the California sire. The time for the three-year-old was 2:07 1/5. Joe also won with the three-year-old trotter Great Colby in 2:06, as mentioned earlier. The Long Beach Trot with a purse of about \$9,000, was won by the four-year-old

Mainliner (Crippen) in 2:03. This horse was pointed out to me on the track at Santa Anita and he was a terrible disappointment. He has a peculiar shaped head with a very receding forehead and is of the greyhound type in build. One would never think of him as the winner of last year's Hambletonian for three-year-old trotters and the richest stake in harness horse history.

News from Azalea, Florida, is that the group of Calumet Fingo pacers in Earle Avery's stable have shown consistent early speed all season. Last week the three-year-old Bonnie Fingo worked a mile in 2:12 with a quarter in 31 seconds, and did it very easily. The two-year-old Uhleen Fingo worked an excellent mile in 2:15 with the last quarter in 32 seconds. No table news of the week at that track was the sale of Seattle Hanover 2:03, record taken over a half-mile track. He was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Van Lennep of Castleton Farm, Ky., to G. V. St. Marie of Quebec City. This horse started 25 times last season, was eight times first, nine times second and once third and won \$12,632. His total earnings up to and including his four-year-old form are \$24,269. He is eligible to the 2:12 pace.

The winter book favorite for the Hambletonian three-year-old is as would be expected, Duke of Lullwater, that was champion two-year-old last season and took a record of 2:03 4/5 over the mile track at Indianapolis. Experts, however, always figure on an upset and there are such contending horses as Diplomat Hanover, Hit Song, Kimberly Mine, Theme Song and Vesta's Worthy that have already shown that they will be full of trot down to the wire in August. Other Hambletonian eligibles that are doing quite nicely in California include Wichita Queen, Yolo Colby, Lou Peck, Excellent Colby, Jon Hanover, and Joe O'Brien's Dinner Date.

Harness racing with pari-mutuels will be held this year at Lethbridge, Alta. Fair, June 23-25 instead of the customary rodeo. The Lethbridge organization has been one of the principal factors in the newly formed Alberta Harness Racing Association which includes Edmonton, Red Deer, Cardston, Raymond, MacLeod, High River and Camrose. Years ago the west was famed for the breed of pacers they turned out, some of the greatest in the world, but for some reason or other the runners took over at the fairs but now evidently the trotters and pacers are coming back again.

Hunters Corner

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caught in the tough seam at the bottom of his pocket and I had to resort to a pocket knife to free it. I watched him trying to untangle a handful of line that was hopelessly tangled. He'd thread the hook through loop after loop without appearing to get anywhere. At least the section of line with hook attached didn't appear to be getting any longer.

He was clad in a light jacket and was shivering like a person with the chills. It was a foolish question to ask: "Are you cold?" "Yes, I'm c-c-cold!" I wished I had time at my disposal to untangle it for him but it looked like a night's job. I've wondered since if he caught any trout. I wasn't fishing myself otherwise I'd have fitted him out with some new line.

A number of our fair sex are beginning to wonder why they have to purchase a fishing license and

others of the male gender are allowed to fish free of charge. This week a pert young thing, with hair a distinct reddish tinge, stopped me and inquired: "Do farmers have to buy a fishing license?" "No," was my reply. "What would you do to me if you caught me fishing without a license?" "I'd pinch you" was my answer. She tossed her head, showed white teeth in a bright smile and came out with this straight to the point announcement: "I don't care who pinches me or where I'm pinched, I'm going fishing and I'm NOT buying a license!" I've often heard it said that it takes a woman to put a man in a corner. Now I believe it.

It now appears that a separate angling and hunting license was generally accepted by the sporting public as being in force for the 1952 season. In explanation it was never intended to change the farmers' status in respect to fishing privileges nor would he be required to purchase a license to hunt on his own property.

Numerous inquiries are being received as to why the separate licenses were not put into effect this season. It is generally conceded that a "defeatist" approach by the Queens County Branch Association and a Rip Van Winkle attitude by the Kings County Branch contributed in no small measure to the amendment not being passed by our local Legislature at the last sitting. The Prince County Branch made their stand on the subject quite clear. It is this columnist's conviction that if the matter had been presented in a clear cut, unambiguous manner by all three branches, separate angling and hunting licenses would not be in effect. From East Point to West Cape the cry is for dams, dams, and more dams. Unfortunately the building of dams costs money . . . and where is the money coming from?

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