

BREEDERS' TROTTING STUD BOOK.

PROSPECTUS.

Our object in sending you this Prospectus of "THE BREEDERS' TROTTING STUD BOOK," is to lay before you its general plan; and if you are in sympathy with the idea, to ask your coöperation and the weight of your indorsement. No attempt will be made to supplant existing Stud Books; its province will be entirely new and distinct. As will be seen from the Rules, the 2:30 list is made the basis of registration; and no animal, however illustrious if ineligible under the rules, will have a place in the body of the work farther than incidental mention in extending pedigrees. This book will not lessen the utility of *Wallace's Trotting Register*; in fact, it must be used in connection with it and *Bruce's Stud Book* in order to embrace the whole field.

The watch being the measure of "prepotency," the test is entirely mechanical. Under this system, there can be no *partiality* or favoritism; the book cannot be manipulated to the advantage of any breeding establishment, family of trotters individual, or section of country. Animals from any locality, with merit sufficient to comply with the rules, are eligible to entry; fancy ceases to be an element—merit is the only test.

The time has come for breeders to establish some standard as to what constitutes good trotting blood; and what test of merit can be adopted so perfectly equitable and just to all horses and breeders as the 2:30 list? This book is intended to fix a type for the American Trotter, to bring together the combinations of blood that have made the type, and enable all to study more *intelligently* the science of breeding. Let the breeding public cast aside musty theories as to the "prepotency" of remote ancestors, reached through questionable sources, and consider, not how much Messenger blood a horse has, but how much 2:30 blood flows in his

veins. As to 2:30 blood there can be no questionable theory; it is a tangible fact. With this book to guide, the public will soon learn what *pedigree* means; and that, to be valuable, a pedigree must be more than a mere string of names.

The object of the work is not proscriptive. The Rules are as liberal as they can be made, and yet attain their purpose. It is true many animals believed to be meritorious, cannot be entered now; but if they have real worth, they will not remain ineligible long. If, after a few years, they cannot be entered under some one of the Rules, they have been overestimated, and should be proscribed. On the other hand, the book will not place all the animals entered in it on the same level; some can barely be entered, while others will be able to comply with nearly all the Rules.

The editor of the book will have no option as to entry, except to require strict conformity to the Rules. No Board of Censors will be required to pass judgment on the registration of an animal. The breeder himself can determine, by a study of the Rules, whether or not his animal can be entered.

Only three crosses are now required, by Rule No. 6, to admit registration; but foals from 1885 until 1890 shall have four crosses, and from 1890, five crosses, to be entitled to admission.

This Stud Book is not started with any view to profit. Its limited field will make it in the beginning a financial failure; and it must depend for its success on the liberal support of breeders. To cover the expense of compilation, an entry fee of *one dollar* (\$1) will be charged for every animal. For animals now dead, but whose names are necessary to complete entries, a fee of *fifty* (50) cents will be charged.

RULES FOR ENTRY IN THE BREEDERS' TROTTING STUD BOOK.

The object of this book is to preserve a reliable record of the pedigrees of all trotting horses that have trotted a mile in two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) or better; or that trace, directly or collaterally, to such horses under the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

Any animal coming within the provisions of any of the following rules will be entitled to entry:

RULE I. Any stallion or mare that has a record of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) or better.

RULE II. Any stallion that has sired a horse, mare, or gelding with a record of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) or better.

RULE III. Any mare that has produced a horse, mare, or gelding with a record of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) or better.

RULE IV. Any mare, the dam of any stallion or mare that has sired or produced a horse, mare, or gelding with a record of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) or better.

RULE V. Any animal by a stallion entered in this Stud Book out of a mare entered therein.

RULE VI. Any animal whose sire and whose first and second dams' sires are entered in this Stud Book.

A public trial, trotted according to the rules of the National Trotting Association for governing races, and timed by three judges, selected in the usual way by any Association, a member in good standing of the National Trotting Association, shall be considered a record so far as eligibility to entry in this Stud Book is concerned. A certificate, giving the time made under the above conditions, must be signed by the three Judges and countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Association authorizing said trial; such certificate to accompany the entry, and remain on file.

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