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GLENBURNIE FARM – “B.B.” Describes the Stud of Mr. Neilson at Cheyney – The Tract at Moore-Our Horse Editor Doesn’t Like Trolley Tracks, but Doesn’t Blame Others

The recent success at Saratoga of the colt Robin Hood brings to mind the fact that the sire and dam of this colt are now domiciled at Mr. Neilson’s Glenburnie Stud Farm at Cheyney. Few people who knew “Hess” Hickman and his farm at Cheyney, would recognize the home of the genial old fox hunter in its new garb, disguised indeed by the name Glenburnie and many new coats of paint. Where the old kennels stood are now paddocks and roomy box stalls, while sleek thoroughbred colts replace the noisy hounds.

Mr. Neilson, wishing to be nearer the horse markets, and being a Pennsylvanian by birth, formed the excellent plan of moving his horses from Virginia to Delaware county, a plan which he put in operation last year, purchasing from Mr. Hickman his Cheyney farm, which, by the way, is only the third time the place has changed hands since the original transfer from Wm. Penn. This place is excellently situated for a stock farm, having both plenty of the best meadow and upland pasture. Chester Creek at this point, unimpaired by dye or sewerage flows clear and placid through a good portion of the place.

Circassian, Mr. Neilson’s premier stallion, was purchased by him from William Astor. Circassian’s breeding is gilt-edged, being by Alarm out of Australind. Of the sire and dam it is not necessary to say any more that that Australind is a sister of that great horse Joe Daniels and that Alarm was the sire of Himyar, Panique Issaquena and many other good winners. Himyar is the sire of Domino, that best of two year olds, and Correction, one of the fastest sprinters in training. Panique is also a sire of winners, which goes to show that Alarm was not only a great race horse and sire, but that his sons are also good race horses and good sires; in other words, they are a producing family and a racing family. It can also be said of Alarm that he was the first horse to run a mile in 1 42 3/4. Of the winners that Circassian has sired Robin Hood is probably the best. He has three straight wins to his credit this year at Saratoga, running 5 furlongs in 1 01 and again in 1 01 /12 beating Wah Jim, Fondoline and other good ones.

Revelry, the dam of Robin Hood, is a chestnut mare by Reform, out of Temptation and was bred at the old Erdenheim Stud farm, the home of Leamington and birthplace of Parole. Revelry has to her credit besides Robin Hood, Carousel, also a winner. Circassian’s half breeds are all large horses and make good hunters, being natural jumpers and level headed. Altogether, we consider Circassian an acquisition and commend Mr. Neilson’s taste in preferring the hills of Delaware county to the rich lowlands of Virginia.

The new race track at Moore seems to be an assured fact. The gentlemen at the head of the enterprise are businessmen and horsemen and in the two combined we have all the elements of success. Racing in New York State is carried on legally and successfully and with just and intelligent legislation could be so in this State. The lesson that Gloucester taught is too fresh in the minds of racing men to be forgotten. With the gambling and political element out, a race track run on business principles in the interest of the sport would be popular and could be a success.

In the interests of those who are riders and drivers I can’t help protesting against the trolley on our country roads, and yet, what does the protest of a few individuals amount to against the clamor of a great portion of the farming community who long to see the trolley car tracks deface their roads, and who, in their blindness, would rather be whirled along to Chester

at the rate of twenty miles an hour than go soberly along enjoying the landscape as the old ox teams and farm horses of their forefathers allowed them to. But such is the folly of the present generation that many of them prefer trolley cars to the ox team and electric lights to tallow candles.

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