

THE BRUCE LOWE THEORY.

(Concluded.)

The "figure system" of breeding was inaugurated at Mr Frank Reynold's farm on the Paterson River nearly ten years before Mr Lowe started for England to publish his book.

Another evidence of Mr Lowe's impractical way of doing things was his importation of Stromboli, a great racehorse, and a good all-round performer, but a horse whose pedigree could not be verified after the fourth generation.

And now for the book itself. No man except one endowed with a monumental memory could have originated such a book, for a figure system would necessarily demand more memory than words.

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The above table shows what a student of pedigrees Mr Lowe was, and how he must have "burnt the midnight oil," as an old San Jose friend of mine was wont to put it.

Again, Mr Bruce Lowe literally "slopped over" on Whalebone and Whisker, devoting nearly one-third of his book to extolling the latter at the expense of the former.

And while he devotes at least thirty per cent of his book to Whisker Mr Lowe almost ignores his sire, Waxy, or pauses merely long enough to



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"damn him with faint praise," and places his top-root mare 18th on the list, in spite of the fact that Waxy's male line above has won over 30 per cent of the Derbies and St. Legers won in the past eighty years.

In looking over the list of Derby winners, I find only Sir Peter and Waxy that have gotten four, and Herod the despised Herod of Mr Lowe's book, was the grand-sire of each of these two noted sires.

I do not either agree with Mr Lowe on the Derby, St. Leger or Oaks, as the supreme test of merit else where would some of our best stallions be? Sultan ran second to Tiresias in the Derby in 1819, and I never saw the name of Tiresias in the pedigree of any great stallion except the sire of Malua.

high-class brood-mares to the Went's one. Coming down nearer to our own times, we find that Tristan was unplaced to Iroquois in both the Derby and St. Leger, but, at five years old, could give either Foxhall or Iroquois five pounds and a beating at any distance above a mile and a quarter.

So it would appear that, in the past fifty-eight years, more than half the Derby winners and more than one-third of the St. Leger and Oaks races have been won by the get of horses that won no classical event.

I look upon Mr Lowe's book as one that is entertaining, as it contains many things that I never knew before. But I pity the man who takes it as a guide for breeding operations.

Look at the great sires that won neither Derby nor St. Leger since 1840, and then tell me whether it is worth while to breed solely from the lines of mares that have originated the so called classical winners.

Table with 4 columns: Horses' Name, Chief Event Won, Derby, St. Leger, Oaks. Lists various horses and their race records.

Total ... 50 21 21 Messrs Stephen Sanford and Sons, of Amsterdam, N.Y., have taken up the fad, and are going to mate their mares according to the Bruce



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