

WINTER REST OF A RACER

How the Great Race Horse Hamburg Spends the Cold Season.

FLENTY OF REST, FOOD AND A VALET

Attention Paid to Marcus Daly's Costly Beauty—American and English Training Methods—No Violent Exercise.

"How is a crack race horse cared for during winter time?" was the question recently put to William Lakeland, one of the foremost trainers of America, and just now in the public eye as care-taker and general of the equine monarch Hamburg.

Trainer Lakeland thought the matter over judicially before answering. "The methods employed in looking after race horses during the cold season," he said, "have undergone very considerable change during the last few decades. The old notion which still prevails in conservative England was that plenty of hard work and early morning gallops were what a horse particularly needed in winter.



HAMBURG READY FOR NOON RUN.

far between. You see, we do not fear the heat or dread to have the public know our horse's true form, as they seem to do over in England. The average American trainer would not care if every sportsman in his country were looking on when he sent his 'string' out for exercise. We have no use for hot-and-cold methods, and for that reason we do not adopt the dangerous plan of early gallops.

"The objects of winter training, as most American trainers look at it, are to rest and refresh the horse after the fatigues of the racing season, and to build up his constitution for the struggles of the coming year.

"Consequently, according to up-to-date beliefs, the winter rest of a first-class horse consists of plenty of rest and food. There is no sufficient time to exercise him by and by, after he has been duly 'physicked' and the spring training has started in. Take, for instance, the case of Hamburg—a horse that, since since Mr. Marcus Daly bought him, has been keeping the sport-loving tongues of America wagging. Hamburg is now in his stable at Brighton Beach. He has safely accomplished the long and arduous journey to New York, and the memories of his great victories as a 2-year-old are still as fresh upon him. We all confidently believe that he will fulfill the promise of his second year in the third year just approaching. For this reason we are nursing Hamburg as if he were our own child, and voicing him as nicely as any gelded member of the '400' is valeted.

"HAMBURG'S ORDINARY DAY.

"Just take by way of specimen an ordinary day out of Hamburg's life. The great horse sleeps in a box, comfortable, but not luxurious. When you hear of a first-class horse putting his steeds into golden collars you can feel sure that either the owners are not worthy of their horses or that the horses will be so much the worse for such pampering. Hamburg's box at present is about twelve feet square—but this is by no means a rule in regard to the size of his quarters. High up in the corner of his box is a rack into which the fodder is loosely piled, below this stands the manger, containing his allowance of oats.

GIBRALTAR ROCK OF AMERICA

Dry Tortugas, the Drill Ground of the North American Squadron.

STRATEGIC VALUE OF THE ISLAND

Site of the Most Southern Fort in This Country—Old Time Fortifications with a History—A Garrison of Tragedy.

The concentration of the Atlantic squadron at the Dry Tortugas (why Dry? no one knows, as it is very wet) has drawn attention to a unique corner of the country, which occupied an important position during the war, and from a strategic point of view is today the Gibraltar of America. The keys which constitute the Tortugas group, writes a correspondent of the New York Post, lie about sixty miles west of Key West, and form the extreme outer end of the United States in this direction, literally the jumping-off place.

Key West, Havana and Tortugas representing an unequal and suggestive triangle. From Tortugas a fast steamer can make Morro castle in a few hours. Here on this sand bank, originally the whim of the gulf hurricane, stands one of the largest forts of the old type in the world, a monument to departed greatness and obsolete ideas. No more forcible illustration of the wonderful advance in modern war appliances could be imagined than this great fortress, with its three tiers of gun emplacements, its two tiers of half-mile of iron-framed porches, and its turret batteries, all of which any one of the white mounds lying off the coast of the Tortugas could reduce to a pile of crumbling brick and mortar in an hour. Yet the fort and the location are of great value to this country.

DANGEROUS CHANNELS.

Before the invention of long-range guns the island was well adapted for the purpose, as it was the center of a narrow channel reef reached by a narrow and circuitous channel. The main entrance is from the east. From a distance nothing is seen but a long line of coral reefs, which break on a coral reef several miles in extent. The ship channel enters here between East and Bush Keys, passes Sand and Middle Keys, then almost doubles on itself, running by a sharp angle which is almost barbed. The channel is in some places hardly a ship's length in width, and the large cruisers would have difficulty in going in, if indeed it was possible.

KEY OF THE GULF.

Tortugas is literally the key of the gulf and valuable as a coaling station and depot of supplies during war. It could be brought up to a state of comparative defense by filling in the moat with coral rock, taken from the reef, and by erecting a wall on the adjacent islands, thus forming around the walls a graded bank of sand and stone, many feet thick, similar to the bank which constitutes the defenses of the forts of the world. This equipped, with an impregnable sand or concrete bulwark, and supplied with disappearing guns, the old fort could again take its place among the great fortresses of the world.

Some remarkable characters were confined in Fort Jefferson, and the prison life was all reports to the contrary, not severe. There were so many prisoners that all could not be kept at work, though an attempt was made when they arrived to segregate them into trades and make them work, so that they had almost precisely the same life that the paid engineers working in the old prisons, there were some instances of cruelty. The writer saw men walking in the tropical sun with a knapsack loaded with bricks, one man, however, was seen to thumb behind his back until the surgeon interfered and ordered him down, on the ground of humanity. But in these cases the prisoners had attacked the guards and had utterly refused to obey orders. Dry Tortugas was invested with many horrors in the northern mind by prisoners; but it was

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not the disagreeable place it has been placed.

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