

RUSSIAN STALLIONS TROTTING.

Their Peculiar Trappings and Mode of Being driven by Native Drivers.

[From the New York Sun.]

The first public exhibition of the Russian trotters from the Orloff stud was poorly attended in Fleetwood yesterday.

There are five of the horses: the gray stallion Kolokotshik (Beautiful), the black stallion Lebed (the Big Swan), the gray stallion Zvonok (the Bell), and the bay mare Birja (the Bourse).

At the first part of the exhibition they were led by grooms past the grand stand, and excited general admiration. They belong to a breed of stock famed for speed and for staying qualities, and are all about 15 1/2 to 15 3/4 hands in height.

The black mare Birja was first shown in harness. She was first hitched to a drozka, a clumsy, four-wheeled vehicle, with what Americans call a straddle seat and a mere apology for a dashboard.

Her driver was Daniloff, a famous Russian horseman, who wore a long coat of blue cloth, with shirts reaching to his feet. Around his waist was a belt of gold or bullion, and his cap was of black cloth, surmounted by a number of peacock feathers.

Birja is five years old, and is from the Phillonoff stud. Her full brother, who has a record on the imperial track at St. Petersburg of two miles in five minutes, has the still more enviable distinction of having killed four grooms.

The mare showed some signs of viciousness on the track yesterday, but was kept well in hand. Like the rest of the stud, she was too fat to make good time, but the knowing ones held that under American training she could be easily brought into the thirties—possibly lower still.

Her harness consisted of a collar, a belly band and a breechen strap, which, instead of hitching to the shaft, was buckled to the collar.

Syracuse and Vicinity.

Ed. HERALD.—Perhaps a few lines from this place would not be uninteresting to the many readers of your paper, so we thought we would pen you a few items.

Syracuse is a thriving village situated near the center of Otsego county, on the Nemaha river. On account of its location it expects to become the rival of Nebraska City, and of course, become the County Seat.

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course of life are not intuitive, has formed his code of procedure from the gypsies of Old Bohemia, but in adapting the itinerancy to the field especially chosen he has so far enlarged their platform and interspersed so many requisites peculiar to a tour of the United States as to nearly obliterate all marks of similarity with those audacious and coquetish people.

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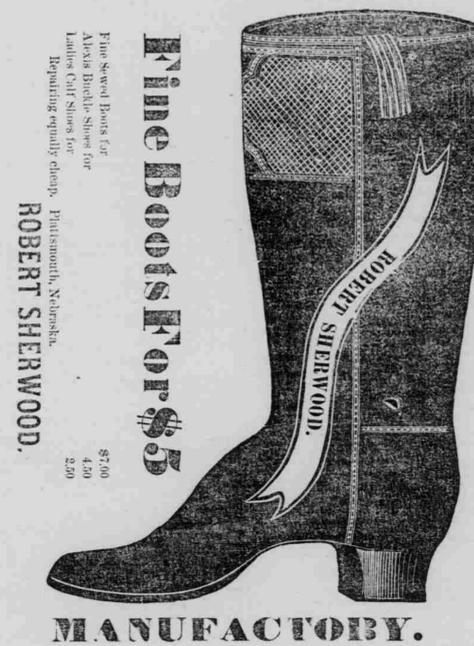


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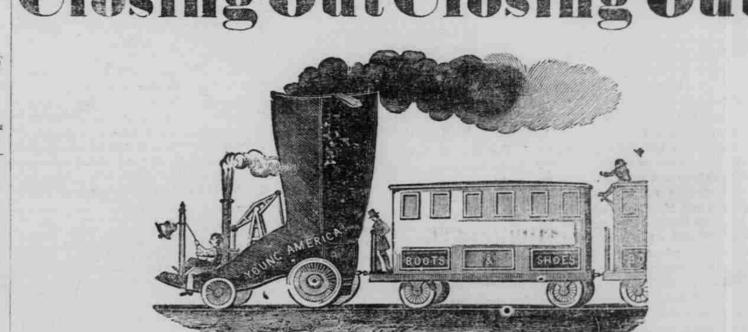
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