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## PREFACE

Breeders of trotting stock have for a long time felt the need of a reliable work on the proper selection of mares for brood purposes, giving in detail the care and treatment that they should receive in order to put them in the best possible condition to impart vigor to their offspring and also transmit to their foals their own superior qualities in the highest possible degree. They have wanted a work which will also give minute instructions in regard to the feed, exercise and care of stallions at all seasons of the year, particularly just before and during the service season, and in addition to the above, will tell how to care for the foal and its dam from the time the youngster is conceived until he or she is in fit condition to place in the hands of an expert trainer to be conditioned for the rich futurities.

Every one interested in breeding trotting stock, and especially all those just entering upon the business, will admit that such a work, coming from a man who has had years of successful experience in the business and knows every detail of it thoroughly, must be of inestimable value.

Very few men are qualified to furnish the matter for such a work. We have never yet seen a book of that kind, and do not know that one has yet been published that has come from



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a man who has been instrumental in breeding extreme speed of the 2.10 and world's record-breaking sort.

Judging by the successful experience in caring for the sires and dams of 2.10 performers, also in the care and management of the 2.10 performers themselves during the early period of their existence, there is no man living who is so competent to furnish the materials of a work of this kind as Mr. John Bradburn, who was the superintendent of the noted Village Farm establishment from a period long before a 2.15 performer was ever bred there until the dispersal sale of the Village Farm stock.

At the earnest and persistent solicitation of many of his intimate friends, and also of many practical breeders who were not personally acquainted with him, but who knew him through the reputation that he had made as the successful manager of the renowned Village Farm establishment, Mr. Bradburn was finally persuaded to put on paper for the benefit of trotting-horse breeders the knowledge that he has gained in the breeding and care of choice race-winning trotting stock during those many years of experience.

The information contained within these covers will be of great service to all who are breeding and raising or have the care and management of trotting stock or light-harness horses of any kind. It will be worth many times its cost to every one who owns a good brood-mare or stallion, because it is a book of valuable facts.

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It may also be read with interest and profit by the proprietors and managers of the most extensive breeding establishments, men who have had years of experience in the business, as well as by those who breed and raise but one or two foals a year. To those who are about to establish farms devoted to the breeding of trotters, or are just starting in the business on a limited scale, it will prove of immense value.

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