

VANDERBILT LOSES FOUR-IN-HAND RACE

Morris E. Howlett's Entry Wins
New Cup of Horse Show
Association.

8 MILES IN 42 MINUTES

Rival Whips Tooled Coaches from Arrowhead Inn to the Garden—
Howlett Won by 8 Minutes.

In a real road race, for four-in-hand coaches, from Arrowhead Inn, through the Bronx, down into Manhattan to Madison Square Garden yesterday afternoon, Morris E. Howlett's Continental stable four, with Mr. Howlett as whip, beat the Oakland Farm's four, with Alfred G. Vanderbilt as owner and whip, in the most novel competition of the Horse Show, the race ending in the arena of Madison Square Garden. The Howlett team reached the finishing point eight minutes ahead of the Vanderbilt four, covering the distance, about eight miles, in forty-two minutes, and arriving in the show ring in such fresh and good condition that not a horse of the team had turned a hair. The Vanderbilt four arrived in equally good condition, but after an easier journey, as Mr. Vanderbilt practically gave up the race after encountering the slippery paving of Fifth Avenue, and drove at almost a walk down Fifth Avenue to the Garden.

The race, the first in a new competition for a cup, was instituted by the proprietor of the Arrowhead Inn, and aroused more interest than any other feature of the Horse Show week. Under the conditions the fours were judged on their road qualities, and the condition in which they arrived in the ring, and with a credit of one point for each half minute less than the hour granted for the eight-mile contest, speed was the first factor in the result. The start was made at 3 o'clock from the Inn, and the crowd at the Horse Show eagerly received telephone news of the contest from the time of the start to the finish, while crowds gathered at the appointed stations from which the progress of the race was reported, the biggest crowd assembling at the plaza.

The arrival of the Howlett coach was cheered heartily when the four of the winning team swung with a nice turn into the entrance on the Twenty-seventh Street side of the Garden, near Fourth Avenue, and trotted at once into the arena, at 3:42 o'clock, or eighteen minutes inside of the allotted hour. There was a similar greeting of applause when the beaten Vanderbilt four arrived. The order of the finish decided the contest, though the fours went through the form of being judged as to their qualities and condition after their arrival in the ring. The award to the Howlett four gave the winners a blue ribbon for the victory, but the cup remains in competition and must be won twice by the same competitor to become his permanent property.

The teams driven in the contest were both of specially selected horses, picked for their road qualities, and with little regard to their fitness for the show ring, though they made a splendid appearance and would have compared well with any of the show horses that have figured in the Garden throughout the week. Mr. Vanderbilt drove the famous "Brighton to London" coach, which he bought in England while on his coaching tour there, and held the reins over three gray horses and a bay nearwheeler. Mr. Howlett drove the Fort Washington road coach which he drove through the Summer in his coaching trips between the Arrowhead Inn and the Holland House, and tooled a team of three brown horses and a bay working as a wheeler on the near side. Both coaches carried big loads of passengers, the conditions of the race requiring that each carry not less than seven persons.

The route laid out, which both fours followed exactly, had as its starting point the hitching yard of the Arrowhead Inn, on the Heights, at Fort Washington Avenue and 17th Street. Leaving the hitching yard around the southerly side of the inn, the road was down Depot Lane Hill and Lafayette Boulevard to the Riverside Drive extension, down the same to the junction of Broadway and 157th Street, down Broadway to 135th Street, west on 135th Street to the viaduct, over the viaduct to Riverside Drive, passing to the east of Claremont, down Riverside Drive to 120th Street, east on 120th Street one block to Claremont Avenue, down Claremont Avenue to 116th Street, east on 116th Street to Morningside Drive, down Morningside Drive to 110th Street, Cathedral Parkway, east on Cathedral Parkway to Eighth Avenue, entering Central Park at the west entrance, via the North Drive, down the North Drive, via East Drive, to the Plaza Hotel, Fifty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, then down Fifth Avenue to Twenty-seventh Street, then eastward to the east entrance of Madison Square Garden and into the show ring.

Because of the steep hill from the Arrowhead Inn down to the road, the coaches were not started together, but left the starting place separately, the Howlett coach being the first to leave at exactly the appointed time, 3 o'clock. Mr. Howlett, as whip, had as passengers E. L. Hoe, Woodbury Kane, H. B. Martin, Col. William Jay, J. Walter Waring, Wetmore Worthley, Louis Toussaint, Herbert W. Clark, William Sangree, E. B. Seaman, Jr., and Clarence E. McElwain, and Joseph Scott as guard. The coach and four started at a quick trot, but on the hill broke into a gallop, and rattled away and out of sight at a good pace.

One minute and a half later Mr. Vanderbilt picked up his reins and started, with R. W. Rives, Judge Kernochan, M. L. Akers of Louisville, R. Pen Smith, and Charles Hurkamp as passengers, and Harry De Maltby as guard. The Howlett coach was out of sight when the Vanderbilt coach started, and the two were not in sight of each other again until the Vanderbilt coach followed the Howlett coach into the ring in Madison Square Garden. Both made the full trip without mishap or delay, the roads being in excellent condition and clear of obstruction, the only difficulty encountered being the slippery paving on the asphalt of Fifth Avenue.

The Howlett four, though it went at a gallop down the hill from Arrowhead Inn, steadied down to a brisk trot on the road, and held an even pace through the full eight miles.

Mr. Vanderbilt never permitted his grays and bay to get out of a trot, and after reaching the treacherous going in Fifth Avenue pulled down to jog and barely let his horses go faster than a walk at the finish.

DIDN'T KNOW HIS OWN NAME.

Eggers Grew Up and Married in the Belief That He Was Gordon.

Asserting that he has only just discovered that his right name is Theodore Eggers, a young married man, known as Frederick Cyrus Gordon of 252 West 127th Street, applied to Supreme Court Justice Truax yesterday for permission to take Gordon as his name. The court, after reading Eggers's petition acceded to the request.

Eggers said he became an orphan when six years old, and was then cared for by a family named Gordon for ten years. He was led to believe his name was Gordon, the petition says, and it was only recently that he discovered that this was not the case. He does not tell how he made the discovery. In December, 1902, he married Miss Anna C. Nestel, under the name of Gordon, and subsequently two children born to them were christened under the same name.

"Your petitioner believes," says Eggers to the court, "that if he were row to assume the name of his parents it would prove a great hardship to his wife and children, who would become the subject of gossip and suspicion on the part of their friends, who would not be acquainted with the true facts in the matter."