

## DRIVING "SIX" THROUGH CITY

Morris Howlett Opens Coaching Season with His Six-in-Hand.

With the old coach "Magnet" and a six-in-hand instead of the customary four, Morris E. Howlett opened the coaching season of 1912 yesterday with Arrowhead Inn as the objective point.

The use of six instead of four horses was caused by a discussion among several horsemen in which it was generally agreed that a coach and six could not be tooled through the congested traffic of city streets, to which Mr. Howlett took exception. It was admitted that, with a specially trained team, the trip might be negotiated, but not with horses selected at random, so Mr. Howlett permitted one of the party to select any six horses he desired, from his stable. Starting at noon, the coach was tooled down Broadway to Thirty-eighth Street, east to Fifth Avenue to the Plaza into Central Park, and by the east drive to the Seventh Avenue and 110th Street entrance, with a stop at the Casino, where the whip negotiated figure eights and S's as easily as though he had but his customary four instead of six horses to control. Emerging from Central Park the coach went westward to Morningside Parkway, thence to 116th Street to Riverside, northward to 135th Street to Broadway, and thence by way of Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue to Arrowhead Inn at 177th Street where, after a brief stop, the coach and six with every seat occupied by an enthusiast, the trip down Arrowhead hill, a steep, serpentine route with two hairpin turns was negotiated despite the miserable condition of the road, and this descent was made with the horses on a run.

Those who took part in the initial drive were: Morris E. Howlett, whip; Louis C. Touissaint, B. C. Riley, Dr. Robert Richards, August C. Gogni, Charles Mercer, Montagu Worthley, with Arthur White, the guard, kept the "yard of brass" pealing out melodious coaching calls at every few blocks.

The horses used were a cross matched six with Snowy and Irony as leaders; Chesty and Lady Gordon in the swing team and Lady Amelia and Grand Duke, wheelers.

The northward trip occupied just one hour, including the fancy driving at the Casino, and another hour was spent at Arrowhead Inn, where bass, frog legs, squabs and other specialities of that coaching resort were enjoyed, and but forty minutes elapsed for the return trip.

It was the first time that a coach and six was ever driven through Central Park, a special permit having been granted to Mr. Howlett for the day by Park Commissioner Stover.