

with the leading breeders and owners of the country, and his uniform geniality, courtesy and prompt business methods made him a favorite with all of them.

In 1891 he came to New York and organized the trotting department of Tattersall's, and the same year was elected vice-president of the Driving Club of New York. In the autumn of 1894 he left Tattersall's and organized the present firm of William B. Fasig & Co. At his Cleveland and other sales some of the notable offerings have been Suison, \$10,100; Clara, \$7,500; Simmocolon, \$13,000, and Guy, \$29,750. Mr. Fasig is a good amateur driver, and has owned such good ones as Wyandotte, 2:19¹/₄; Rifle, 2:11³/₄; Protection, 2:19³/₄; Keokee, 2:20¹/₂; Eloise, 2:15; Marguerette, 2:14, and other campaigners of note, and he always has a few fast ones in his stable.

Ed. S. Hedges, who edits the catalogue and manages the office and advertising departments, was born near Paris, Ky., in 1858. In 1886 he engaged with W. T. Woodard, the leading combination salesman of Lexington, Ky. He rapidly achieved a high reputation, and when Mr. Fasig came to Tattersall's he engaged him as his principal assistant. In 1894 he was elected secretary of the Driving Club of New York, and the two past seasons of brilliant sport have been largely due to his personal popularity with horsemen and his executive ability. In the autumn of 1894 he joined his fortunes with Mr. Fasig, and the result has been a conspicuous business success.

Madison Square Garden is well worth a visit when the equine heroes and heroines of the turf are under the hammer. The scene is exciting when some public favorite is put up for sale, and the bids go up by the hundred and sometimes by the thousand. The "Garden" is a popular resort at these times for many who simply go to watch the game, and at no time is it more popular than when Fasig & Co. have one of their big sales. E. B. ABERCROMBIE.

FOX-HUNTING.

The fox-hunting season is now at its height in New York State and New Jersey. The Genesee hounds are showing excellent sport up in the Genesee Valley, while the Meadowbrook Hounds of Long Island, and the Richmond County Hounds of Staten Island are providing the members of these clubs with good hunting. The Meadowbrook hunts wild foxes three days a week, and a drag on the other days.

Mr. P. F. Collier, who has been hunting his

Monmouth County Hounds in the Shinnecock Hills, L. I., has transferred them to their headquarters at Eatontown, N. J., where they will be hunted for the balance of the season. They are in splendid shape, and are an exceedingly well-trained and well-bred lot, being a draft from a celebrated Irish pack.

The Westchester County Beagles, maintained by Mr. William E. Iselin, are affording their followers fine sport in Westchester Count, N. Y. They meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

In Pennsylvania, where the fox-hunting season commences somewhat later, the sport is just about beginning. As usual, all the clubs open their season formally on Thanksgiving Day, although they enjoyed, as they frequently do, many good runs before that time. The old Rose-Tree Hounds are in better condition than ever before, a new draft of hounds having been entered and the pack weeded of its superfluous and useless members. "Dot" Rogers, who for so many years has acted as whipper-in, still occupies that position, and a splendid season's sport is anticipated. At the recent annual meeting of the club all the old officers were re-elected. They have all held these offices for many years as follows: President, Henry E. Saulnier; vice-presidents, J. Howard Lewis, Sr., and George M. Lewis; treasurer, Jared Darlington, and secretary, William H. Corlies. George W. Hill, who is one of the oldest and best-informed fox-hunters in the country, was re-elected M. F. H. On account of a serious accident which occurred to Mr. Hill in the hunting field last season, he will probably not be seen in the saddle very much this winter.

Howard Lewis, Jr., will be the acting M. F. H. in his absence, and as Mr. Lewis's reputation as a fox-hunter is excellent, the club may expect plenty of good sport.

The Warrenton Virginia, Hunt Club has elected new officers as follows: Mr. E. Astley Cooper, president; Mr. Edward Barker secretary; Mr. Charles W. Smith treasurer; Mr. John D. Hool, master of hounds; and Mr. James K. Maddux, whip.

The Elk Ridge Hounds, near Baltimore, are showing excellent sport.

It is much to be regretted that the Chevy Chase Hounds, which afforded so much sport at Washington last season, will not be kept up this winter. Mr. S. S. Howland, who was the M.F.H. of the pack, will not hunt any hounds as master this winter, but will reside in New York City.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N. E. A., Grenoble.—By neutralizing the solution of gold, in the article referred to, is meant the removal of the free acid always present in commercial chloride of gold. This is accomplished by gradually adding carbonate or bicarbonate of soda until the solution ceases to red-den blue litmus paper. Subsequent experience, however, shows that with the ordinary commercial material, neutralization of the gold is not necessary for the combined bath recom-

mended in the article referred to; that it is better indeed to employ the gold as it is.

T. F. N., Clinton, N. Y.—The length and width of the track have nothing to do with the question. The path should be measured eighteen inches out from its inner edge, which should be a continuous wooden curb not less than three inches thick, and three inches above the track.