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Prospect Hill Stock Farm.

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Dictated by
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Breeders of Trotting and Coach Horses, Children's Ponies,
Registered Jersey Cattle & Pure Bred Angora Goats.

Franklin, Venango Co., Pa. Feb. 16th, 1892.

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Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, New York.

Dear Sir,---

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed communication of the 12th inst., relating to breeding your mare to Cecilian. We regret that at the present time it is impossible for us to make such reply as we would like owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case. While Cecilian has a two-year-old record of 2:22 it was made after a very severe illness, which caused him to be out of harness nearly all summer. He came very near dying at the time of his illness. In the judgment of Mr. Marvin his record is no measure of his capabilities. We had decided that we could take no outside mares to him this year. We have a great many applications for his service and if we were to commence taking for one we should have to for others. We desire to breed him to about 25 mares of our own, after which time he will be fitted to trot against the best three-year-olds out this year. If he has no mishaps we shall start him, or our filly Belleflower, against any three-year-old that lives. While we may be beaten, yet we know it will only be by the very best and to suffer defeat from such is sometimes more glory than to win over unworthy competitors.

There are standing in the east several well bred sons of Electioneer combining the Benton cross. Mr. A. J. Feek of Syracuse, New York owns Coin, the full brother to Cecilian. He was a very fast colt and Mr. Feek informed the writer last summer that he was a very fast horse but that he did not believe in colt training, but sometime intended to take him down through the grand circuit. We think this horse is standing for public service and if we remember right at a very reasonable fee. A letter addressed to A. J. Feek, Syracuse, New York will reach him and it may be possible that you might obtain the blood of Cecilian through his own brother, who is also, or was when the writer last saw him a ~~very fast~~ first class individual and a trotter. The pleasure that we have derived from reading your works would prompt us if circumstances permitted to seek in some way to contribute to yours and except

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for desiring to trot him against the best this year and having certain mares that have been selected with special reference to breeding to him we should try to make arrangements with you which would be entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully yours,

Miller & Sibley.

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