



WHISKER.

WHISKER, a rich bay son of Waxy,—Penelope by Trumpator, was bred by the Duke of Grafton in 1812; and this union of the Darley, Byerley, and Godolphin strains may be looked upon as almost the foundation of the superlative excellence of the English thoroughbred; for nearly every modern racehorse of special quality claims descent from either Whisker or his brother Whalebone. In early times the northern and southern breeds of horses were kept very distinct, and Whisker was the first of the southern cracks to go north. "In general appearance Whisker was as near perfection as a horse could be; and his blood descended, through The Colonel and Chatham, to Woolwich (who was a perfect wonder over a distance of ground); and, through Economist, to Harkaway and his son, King Tom. Irrespective of Emma, the Whisker mares were always of an uncommon stamp. Liverpool, Tearaway, Euclid, Knight of the Whistle, The Era, Mango, Mundig, Cotherstone, Meteor, Mowerina, and Theon were all of them out of Whisker's daughters; and the famous mare Catherina, who survived all the others, dying at the age of thirty-two, ran in 171 races." (From "The Druid.")