

T. C. M'DOWELL, VANDERBILT'S RACING PARTNER, A REMARKABLE YOUNG TURFMAN.



ALAN-A-DALE

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Turfmen generally and Kentuckians in particular were greatly surprised a few days ago when they read in the newspapers that T. C. McDowell, owner of the sensational two-year-old Alan-a-Dale, was to become trainer to William K. Vanderbilt. They knew of the wealth

of the McDowells and of their social prestige in the Blue Grass region, and simply refused to believe that the present master of Ashland, the famous house of Henry Clay, was to take such a position under any man. They were right. "There is not a word of truth in it," said Mr. McDowell yesterday.

porter for The World. "Mr. Vanderbilt will put a few horses in my stable and I will manage them, but I will not by any means become his trainer."

Tom McDowell's success on the turf has been phenomenal, and shrewd horsemen say the ascendancy of his star has only fairly begun. He owns as choice a collection of stud mares as any man in America, and it is from these that he breeds his sensational stake winners.

His first good performer was Maid Marian, the daughter of Imp. Great Tom and Sudie McNairy, that he sold to Chris Smith, the famous Western plunger, for \$7,500. Then he brought out Ashland, Kitty Olive, Batten, Rush, Spirituelle, Alan-a-Dale and a host of other good ones. Every season he has at least one high-class performer, and he has sold a number for sensational prices. Mr. McDowell has also bred a number of noted horses that were sold as yearlings to others. Probably the best-known of these is David Garrick the colt that performed so well in Eng-

land for the late Pierre Lorillard.

Mr. McDowell's colt Alan-a-Dale is one of the greatest two-year-olds of this season, and millionaires are just now vying with each other in trying to buy him. He is by Halma, the famous son of Hanover, that Mr. Vanderbilt recently paid \$25,000 for to send to France, and his dam is Sudie McNairy, by Enquirer. It is reported that Mr. Vanderbilt also offered Mr. McDowell \$25,000 for the colt. No notice of sale has as yet been made.

Tom McDowell is a son of the late Major H. C. McDowell and a grandson of Henry Clay. He is one of the best-known men socially in Kentucky and probably has not an enemy in the world. He has always been regarded as the very soul of honor, and during his entire turf career no one has ever intimated that any horse of his was not started to win. He commands the respect of owners, trainers and jockeys, and turfmen declare Mr. Vanderbilt is singularly fortunate in having formed an alliance with him.