

ino from him. While Mr. Corn owned the old horse he sired the good leopard stud White Eagle from an Arabian mare.

While in New Mexico, Domino sired besides Buttons B., another stud colt who was later to help build his reputation as a sire. This colt from the Appaloosa mare Freckles H., was christened Whistle Britches and he is a dark dun with a big white blanket and dun spots. Whistle Britches besides building quite a show record himself has sired such greats as Navaho Britches, National Grand Champion; Whistle Britches Jr., Yellow Jacket, Whistler Joe, etc.

Domino, while still owned by Pete Smith, sired One Eyed Geronimo, who in turn sired the champion stallion Hawkeye, now in New York. Another stallion bred by Pete while Domino was still in New Mexico is the brown blanket-hipped Arapaho Riley. This horse's colts indicate that he may also contribute to Domino's reputation as a sire.

In 1954 Harmon Scales of Lubbock, Texas, drove over 10,000 miles through the west looking for a good Appaloosa stallion. Finally, aware that Elvin Blevins was raising some mighty good Appaloosas up around Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Mr. Scales drove up to look around. After some negotiation, Mr. Scales became the owner of Domino who had been in a fight with his son Buttons B. and was in pretty bad shape. Scales nursed Domino back to health and figured he had the horse to make the Appaloosa world really sit up and take notice. However, all was not "roses," as Domino,

either as a result of the fight or some other reason, proved to be almost sterile and Mr. Scales in the first 5 years he owned the horse was able to get only about 12 colts from him. The colts he did get proved to Scales that Domino was everything as a sire that he had hoped so he stayed with him.

One of the first colts Scales raised was Double Five Domino, out of a little black mare. This little black horse with a big white blanket full of spots has become one of the top Appaloosa cutting horses and also turned out to be a mighty fine sire in his own right. Now owned jointly by 4D Farms of Brownfield, Tex. and Tierra Blanca Stock Farm, Canyon, Tex., he carries on Domino's blood. Another outstanding colt raised by Mr. Scales is the filly Dominette, dun with white spots over her loin and hips and a full sister to Whistle Britches. After a show career in which she was nearly always in the money, she was recently sold to Elizabeth Hobson, Comfort, Tex., for one of the top prices ever paid for an Appaloosa mare at auction, \$4050.

Another top-flight colt raised by Harmon Scales was Split Britches, a full brother to Whistle Britches and Dominette. A very well colored horse, black with a white rump, Split Britches was intended by Mr. Scales to be his junior sire. Unfortunately, after only two small crops of colts, Split Britches died. The Tyson Ranch of Higgins, Tex., who in 1960 purchased half interest in Domino, also owns half interest and stands the four-year old Copper Domino, marked

very similarly to Split Britches except chestnut instead of black. A son of Domino and out of a mare by Whistle Britches, this fellow should prove to be a very valuable sire.

Some of the other colts by Domino raised by Scales are Tick Tock, a chestnut mare with white spots over her body out of a bay Quarter mare. She was purchased from Mr. Scales by Jim Wild of Sarcoxie, Mo., another show winner is the gelding Smokey Domino, a blue roan, white with black spots over his hips. A pair of top daughters are the well colored leopard mares Reigning Beauty owned by the Dillardards of Duncan, Okla., and Beau Dotty owned by Elvin Blevins. These mares are full sisters out of the Appaloosa mare Yellowhouse Lady. Reigning Beauty, besides being a top halter mare is a tough competitor in performance events. A 1960 filly by Domino, Domino's Double Bubble was the high selling mare at the 1961 National sale. Domino's colts have won in about every performance event open to Appaloosa horses and they seem to possess ample speed.

Here is what Harmon Scales says about the ability of Domino's get: "His colts have a kind of instinct as to starting. They just run out of the gate. With that kind of action his colts can do anything asked of a stock horse."

The only adult horse by Domino and out of a running mare is a three-year-old solid colored gelding. This horse has run in AAA time for 220 yards and AA for 350 and on the bush tracks, so it seems that Domino passes on some of the speed from his famous running ancestors.

Domino's fertility has increased every year and now he is a fertile horse. In 1960 he sired 12 colts (as many as he had sired in the preceding 4 years); in 1961 about 20; in 1962 over 30; and in 1962 he was bred to over 100 mares with the aid of artificial insemination.

Under the able management of Bill Tyson and Spud Hawkins of the Tyson Ranch, Domino now has the opportunity to set an even more impressive sire



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