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The picturesque half-mile track at Rivervale, New Jersey, is buzzing with activity and the workouts are plentiful, with the two-year-olds in the 'limelight and responding like Seniors.

Since the winter was such a very mild one, leaving the -ground bare most of the time, the track is now in excellent condition and has recently been graded.

Mr. Rudolph Zeug, owner of the track, has a sharp looking and nicely gaited two-year-old pacing filly, Closter Princess by Cardinal Prince-Bumble Bee. Mr. Zeug also has a full yearling brother to this filly, Closter Prince. Star Gait, b c, 2, by Preakness-Hollyrood Virginia, is owned and trained by Mr. Gary Thomas and is a rugged colt with plenty of go, trotting free and easy.

Mr. Alfred Drinkwater of Hackensack, New Jersey has a promising two-year-old pacer, Betty Hartford, by AdventureHartford Anna; Westerville, b c, 3, pacer by AdventureAbbey Martin, and Jim Henley pacing gelding by Victorious Hal-Miss Henley. The older members of the stable are High Sir by Sir Vibart; Reawyn by Real Frisco who is training better than ever, and the consistent five-year-old trotter, Thomas Song by Peter Song-Miss Wooster. "Drinkie's" prospects all look good and should pass their Spring training with high honors. Last year Mr. Drinkwater trained Rex Day and Sally Dean, both of whom raced very, successfully this past season, each claiming a record of 2:092/5. Mr. Drinkwater is most ably assisted in training the horses by Jim Keegan, who really does a fine job behind the colts. The veteran Bob Commodore 2:08, bay gelding owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Hillsdale, N. J., does his full share by prompting these youngsters.

Other occupants at Rivervale are Lynn- Scott, bl g, 4, by The Great Scott showing much promise. and owned by Mr. Al Gobel, Vivan Ann Abbey two-year-old pacing filly by Truabbe-Vivan H; Allworthy Dillon by All Worthy; Eroica, p, 2:10 by Calumet Eric-Colleen Hanover, the last two owned by Mr. and Mrs. Doane respectively. Mr. Walter Toms, Spring Valley, N. Y., owns and trains Nikki Prologue, b m, by Prologue-Gambling Girl and Sheryl Ann yearling filly by Sir Vibart-Nikki Prologue.

Mr. Bart Morris, owner-trainer, moved his stable in April 15th, consisting of Little Cardinal, p, 2:07, Bonny Girl and' Cardinal Grace a fine looking two-year-old by Little Cardinal and Grace B. Henley

2:131/4. This filly shows every sign of pacing as well as her sire, Little Cardinal, and takes an interest in her work. She not only inherited her sire's good looks but his stout heart, which pulled him through a heavy sickness this winter.

That concludes the roster at Rivervale, not forgetting the amiable "smithy", Mr. E. L. Peterson of Spring Valley, N. Y., who keeps the horses in well shod condition year round. As stated, workouts are plentiful, but no spectacular miles are being recorded, each fellow being content to "take back" a little and turn in a 2:35 mile.