

TALE OF TWO SALES.

Sotheby's chairman Peter Wilson conducted another record picture sale, as calmly as if he were selling cast-off furniture. Nowadays there's no telling what astronomical prices dealers will pay for old masters. The main lot in the present sale was number 22, by Frans Hals, who died nearly 300 years ago. The seller of the portrait of a Cavalier, was Major Warde-Aldam. His great grandfather bought the picture for £15.

Mr. Leonard Koetser, was the dealer who bid that stupendous sum. The Cavalier, unimpressed.

They don't sell horses in New York with the same dignity as Sotheby's auction pictures. They get big prices all the same. On sale were 500 horses, worth a total of a quarter-million pounds. For "Mr. Dudlong", a much coveted 4-year-old trotting pacer, the keenest competition was expected among the bidders. If you ever want to sell a horse, this is how it's done.