

AUTOS GOOD FOR HORSES.

Busy Men Take to Saddle Horses for Needed Exercise.

Latest reports from around the country indicate that in at least one instance the automobile has been a benefit to horse breeders instead of a detriment, as so many people seem to think. This relates to saddle horses, which were never so popular at any time within contemporary history as at present, and many breeders and dealers attribute this change of sentiment to the general use of the automobile.

In these days when motor cars are put to almost every imaginable use, and when most business men regard them as indispensable in the daily routine of their affairs, one great drawback has made itself apparent, and that is the lack of exercise, with consequent poor health, to so many busy men. To overcome this effect men of affairs throughout the land have taken to the saddle horse, and saddle horse breeders report that the demand for all kinds and classes of saddle horses was never so great as now.

This has been a great stimulus to the breeding of saddle horses in Kentucky and Missouri, the homes of the greatest saddle horses ever foaled. Other states also find the same favorable conditions, and in this connection Colorado bids fair to take rank as one of the leading western states in the breeding of these beautiful animals—which have been christened by horse experts and lovers as "the exquisite American horse."

At the horse and stock show in Denver, January 16 to 21, some extraordinary rings on saddle horses will be exhibited and many of the foremost breeders in nearby states have already sent in their entries. The Denver show is now recognized throughout the west as a most liberal education for horse breeders of every type from the light harness horse to the mammoth draft horse.

IMPROVING WESTERN CATTLE.

National Western Stock Show Big Factor in Distributing Pure Bred Animals.

With the passing of the live stock business of the western ranges into the hands of stock farmers and ranchmen, has come a tremendous change in the quality of the cattle. The old long horn, long legged cattle of ten and fifteen years ago have almost completely disappeared and their places have been taken with the broad backed cattle of the shorthorn, hereford and polled breeds. It is largely due to the big annual stock shows of the country that this evolution has been so rapid and none of the show has been of more value to the west than the National Western Stock Show, which opens its sixth annual exhibition in Denver on January 16. This show was organized and continued by an association of some 500 western stockmen and business men who saw the importance of educating the people to the most modern ideas in live stock and in addition to exhibiting the best of the country affords a public sales at which selected animals are sold without reserve. As a result of these annual sales herds of pure bred cattle are springing up all over the west and it is predicted that at the coming show in Denver, western herds will give the eastern herds a close run for the ribbon.

At the Denver show next month the American Shorthorn Association will sell fifty selected bulls and heifers and the Hereford Association will sell an equal number. The Aberdeen Angus Association will sell a number at private sale and the Galloway Association will sell about forty head. These cattle are all selected from the best herds in the country and this annual distribution of pure blood will have a tremendous effect upon the quality of the western cattle in the future.

The Final Test.

A big feature of the Denver stock show which opens on January 16, will be the carcass contest. The block is the final test to meat making and it is proposed to educate the western meat producers to that fact. The steers to be slaughtered in this competition will be first judged on foot in a judging competition and then slaughtered and judged in the carcass. The idea is to try to make the stock growers look under the hide of his animals. The carcasses will be judged from the butcher standpoint as to what constitutes prime edible meat.

Pushing the Poultry.

The west is just waking up to the fact that it is spending too much money away from home for poultry and eggs. The National Western Stock show which opens in Denver on January 16, will inaugurate the National Western Poultry Show. It is expected that this initial exhibition will exhibit over 3,000 birds.

Big Western Event.

It is predicted that over 150,000 people will attend the Sixth Annual National Western Stock Show in Denver during the week of January 16-21. This show has grown to be the big annual western event. Over \$50,000 in premiums are paid out and an investment of nearly \$400,000 has been made in buildings for the show.

The railroads all announce special reduced rates to Denver and return to the National Western Stock Show, which is held during the week of January 16-21.

Dawsey Dope Dead.

Dawsey Cope, who with his wife has been making his home with the family of his son, W. D. in this city, died last Friday morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of five months with dropsy. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon with Rev. Jos. Boie in charge, and the remains laid to rest in the Johnston cemetery east of the city.

The deceased was born April 20, 1838 in Fayette county, Pa., where he lived until grown. In 1855 he moved to Quincy, Ill., where Oct. 31, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Riggs, who now survives him. Ten years later they moved to Richardson county, Kansas, and in 1870 to New Sharon, Iowa. In 1876 the family again moved to Kansas, locating in Butler county, and five years later went to Barton county where they remained until a year ago when they came to Waynoka.

To this union was born eleven children, six of whom are still living: C. E. of Beaver county, Oklahoma, W. D. of Waynoka, F. H. of Nickerson, Kansas, Mrs. A. B. Merkle of Ashkum, Ill., Mrs. L. M. Marquis of Hoisington, Kansas and Mrs. R. E. Foy of Whitewater, Kansas.

The deceased united with the United Brethren church in 1896 and remained a member of that church until his death. Those in attendance at the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Merkle of Ashkum, Ill., Mrs. Foy of Whitewater, Kansas, J. H. Jones and daughter Ebel of Whitewater, Kansas, son in law and daughter of the deceased and F. H. Cope of Nickerson, Kansas.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Frank C. Ricker.

Frank C. Ricker was born in Illinois March 21, 1874 and died at the home of his parents in this city, Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at the age of 36 years, 9 months and 10 days. Funeral services were conducted at the Evangelical Lutheran church in this city, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment made in the Ellinwood cemetery.

Mr. Ricker came to this country with his parents at the age of nine years and has been a resident of this county practically all of the time since. He was married November 16th, 1897, to Miss Alice Knop and to this union were born four children, one boy and three girls, who with the widow, his father, mother, five sisters and one brother are left to mourn his loss. A year or two ago he with his family moved to Ford county, where he was engaged in farming, but a few months ago, on account of poor health he returned here for treatment, having been a sufferer from diabetes for a number of years, but his condition was such that nothing could be done for his recovery.

Mr. Ricker was well and favorably known in this community. He was an upright and enterprising citizen and the sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.—Ellinwood Leader.

Mary Ann Allen.

Mrs. Mary Ann Allen died last Saturday night, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Grossardt, at the age of 60 years, after an illness covering only a few days. She had been suffering from an attack of the grip for several days but the direct cause of her death was heart failure. Mrs. Allen came here from her home at Norris City, Illinois, about three weeks ago, coming with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grossardt who had been visiting there and had intended to stay there for the coming summer.

The remains were shipped Sunday night to her old home at Norris City, for burial and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grossardt and her son Charley Allen.

Besides her son and daughter who live here, she has two daughters who live in Illinois. Her husband preceded her several years ago.—Clafin Clarion.

W. L. Smythe of the Aitkin lumber yard, went to St. John Wednesday on business.

Thos. Leek visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Deetz and family at Garfield this week.

MENTAL POWER NOT GROWING.

Anglo-Saxon Success Result of Character, Rather Than Intellectual Superiority.

Man is no longer growing in mental capacity if the conclusions of a British authority, Neville Chamberlain, are correct. He makes a distinction between intellect, pure and simple, and the qualities that together make up what is called character and finds it doubtful if the races often regarded as inferior are at any disadvantage in pure intellect. It is unfair to decide mental capacity by comparing those who have had the benefits of education—giving the accumulated experience of centuries—with semi-savages who have been brought up in the bush. Two generations ago the Japanese were thought to be little better than barbarians, of small intellect, and the aborigines of Australia were similarly regarded, but now they take front rank in modern universities, often excelling Europeans at examinations. More important to average success than great intellectual ability are the qualities constituting character—such as courage, earnestness, determination, judgment and sympathy. Even these traits must be preserved and strengthened by the same process of natural selection that has so powerfully influenced physical evolution, and the character of the individuals has made the character of nations. Anglo-Saxon success, past and future, may be looked upon as a result of national character, rather than any fancied intellectual superiority.

SAFETY AT THE MULE'S TAIL.

Worldly Negro Was Skeptical About Advice Offered by His Aged Father.

The Saline river, Arkansas, was out of banks and swift flowing, owing to the heavy rains. An old negro and his two sons wanted to cross, each riding a mule. The older son ventured first and came up safely on the other bank. The younger went next, the father remaining to watch, thus the two anxiously witnessed the younger negro's battle against the swirling currents. The mule was swimming low, the rider showing little except his head and shoulders above water, when the saddle girth broke, and saddle and contents slipped off the animal behind, which allowed the faithful mule to partially emerge from the water. It was a critical moment and the watchers from opposite banks were all anxiety. The imperiled boy clutched frantically about the tail of the swimming animal, but the old negro evidently failed to note this and shouted the first advice that came into his mind. He cried: "Look to de Lawd, Eph'um, look to de Lawd, look to de Lawd!"

The more worldly son on the other bank was obviously skeptical about such advice under such circumstances, for he screamed out, "Nevah yo min' lookin' to de Lawd, Eph'um, nevah yo min' looking to de Lawd, you hol' right on to dat mule's tail."—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

Artificial Nests for Bass.

The government fisheries bureau has discovered that black bass culture is greatly aided by artificial construction of nests.

The male small mouthed bass builds his nest by sweeping the stones of a lake bottom bare of sand in a three-foot circle. Using his nose and tail alternately, he makes a saucer-shaped nest ready for the eggs of his mate. But he will readily use a nest that is prepared for him, and so the men of the fisheries are expediting his home building.

For the large mouthed bass nests are made of moss imbedded in concrete, as this species prefers a fibrous bed for its eggs. Ponds with basins six feet deep in the center and with shallower water elsewhere are so prepared. Wild fish caught by hook are put in to mate here, to the great increase of reproduction. Proper assortment of the fish and the prevention of crowding accomplish excellent results.—Youth's Companion.

Need Medical Missionaries.

At a recent meeting at Boston of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church Miss Mabel Lossing, who reported for the districts of India, said that there were 12,000,000 people in her jurisdiction and so far removed are the missionaries that it often takes eight days to get from one station to another. She said that medical work is necessary in her district, but that there is none of it. She said that her veranda is crowded every morning with women awaiting an opportunity to be treated. Dr. Mary Ketring, one of the missionaries of West China, said that the work of her society was to carry the Gospel to 20,000,000 women and children.

Their Decision.

"Is it customary to return a fellow's presents after you have broken with him?"
"Yes, if you think that the next fellow would object to seeing you wearing them."

Debatable.

"I don't make a business of writing," smiled the would-be contributor; "It's merely my avocation."
"Are you sure it isn't your aberration?" snapped the unnecessarily cruel editor.

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Lockwood.

Acisah Naome Lockwood passed to her eternal rest on Tuesday night at 12:30 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Matthews, at the age of 69 years, 2 months and 25 days.

The deceased was born in Clermont county, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1841. At an early age she went to Lee County, Iowa, with her parents, remaining there until 1878, when she and her parents moved to Ellsworth county, Kansas, where she resided with her death.

She was an earnest Christian, one who in her daily life followed in the footsteps of her Master. While the most of her time was spent at home she enjoyed a large circle of friends. She was a member of the Baptist church, having joined at the age of 18 years.

The funeral services were held from the home and were conducted by Rev. Wilson. Interment was made in the Montgomery cemetery.—Clafin Clarion.

Mrs. I. H. Park, of Big Spring, Tex., is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hiddleston, who is quite sick.

Prof. Senter was in Topeka this week on business pertaining to school legislation in Kansas.

Mrs. S. H. Gwinn has returned from Colorado Springs, where she was called on account of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kincaid.

Mrs. Chas. Lischesky is visiting with friends in Sterling.

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Mr. George Teeters of Iowa returned home Saturday night and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Teeters of Ohio, who were here last week have gone to California to spend the winter. They had been here visiting their sister, Mrs. E. McBride and nephew, Frank Wilson, and completing the settlement of the Teeters estate which was settled amicably and satisfactorily to every one concerned.

Miss Minnie Griffin left Wednesday for Cottonwood Falls after visiting here with her parents.

J. W. Johnson and wife went to Winfield Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Alyn Munger. Mrs. Munger is their daughter.

Mrs. Ovid Butler returned the first of the week from Enid, Okla., where she has been visiting friends.

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