



### PRACTICAL HORSE BREEDING

Animals Available For Other Purposes Than Racing.

The Horseman has gone to a great deal of expense of late to secure information which would tend to show the character of a horse that sells on the open market for other purposes than racing. Every breeder is anxious to possess this knowledge because no matter how successful he may be in breeding reliable race horses he is sure to have some that are not suitable for this use or he may be fortunate enough to raise an animal that will bring more in the market for carriage or coach purposes than it could earn on the track. In the horse that is disposed of in the general market breeding goes for but little as a general thing, for the reason that the buyers look to the individual rather than the breeding. The Horseman makes it a point to ascertain the breeding as far as possible, however, of the horse which sell for a good price, so that owners and breeders can profit by the experience of others and learn the lines that produced the salable horse.

In an illustration is reproduced a photograph of a horse that sold on the open market recently at Kansas City for \$380. This is not a sensational price, but it represents a figure at which breeders can afford to raise a horse and sell him at a profit. It should be borne in mind, too, that this price represents the figure paid by a dealer who bought the horse as an investment and who in turn



GOOD TYPE OF HORSE.

doubtless turned him over at a respectable advance as soon as he found one of the many buyers who are always looking for a well turned animal. This horse came into the market with his breeding absolutely unknown, and neither the consignor nor consignee cared a rap how he was bred. They were practical enough to see at a glance that he had the style, conformation and finish of a horse that could be sold on any market at a good figure, and his breeding was not a matter for consideration. It is unfortunate, however, that his blood lines are a mystery, because if it was known what happy cross produced such satisfactory results others could follow these same lines with profit. Haphazard breeding of horses for carriage and coach purposes will result as disastrously as the same method applied to breeding for speed.

#### Luminosity in Plants.

Many instances have been recorded of flowers being luminous at night. They only seem to do this on rare occasions, hence they are to be envied who have the good fortune to witness the phenomena. Though the writer has often endeavored to get fortune's favor, she has never smiled on him but once, when he saw the phosphorescent glow from fungi in a hollow tree, just like the glow of a match when rubbed in the dark. A German naturalist, Herr Haggren, seems to have met with a number of instances in his country—or, rather, the night watchman he employed did. He concludes the phenomena are more likely to occur when it is dark, after rain, following a sunny day. July and August gave the most instances. Occurrences began soon after sunset, and there were none after dawn. He could not decide on the cause of the luminosity.—Meehan's Monthly.

#### "Doubtful Characters."

When Mr. Gladstone and Lord Tennyson paid a visit to Kirkwall and wished to see St. Magnus' cathedral, they had to get the assistance of the United Presbyterian minister to show it to them. "I was," Mr. Gladstone said, "such a doubtful character that even in the company of Tennyson I was not sufficiently respectable to be conducted over it by the proper authority." The story is told by Mr. Patrick Campbell, for so many years Mr. Gladstone's election agent in Midlothian.—Westminster Gazette.

#### Queer Reckoning.

Indian street peddlers throughout Mexico sell bananas for 12 cents a dozen, but when offered 24 cents on payment for two dozen bananas the peddlers refused it and demanded 25 cents. The course of reasoning is that 1 real is 12 cents; 2 reals, 25 cents; 8 reals make a dollar. So the traveler must pay a real for one dozen bananas, but 25 cents for two dozen, and no amount of argument will convince the peddler that this is not right.

#### Why She Could Smile.

"Your wife always wears such a happy expression, Mr. Willikins. She always seems to be smiling." "Yes, she didn't have to earn the \$47 worth of gold that she wears in her front teeth."—Cleveland Leader.

### THE DUNKERS' LOVE FEAST.

Feet Washing, the Great Supper and the Kiss of Peace.

"The most important and the most beautiful custom of the Dunkers is their love feast, which they celebrate in commemoration of the Lord's supper, after the manner of the primitive Christians," writes Clifford Howard in describing the customs of the Dunkers of Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., in The Ladies' Home Journal.

"The celebration is held at nightfall and begins with the rite of feet washing, in imitation of the act performed by the Master at the last supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Small tubs of lukewarm water are brought in, and those about to receive the ordinance remove their shoes and stockings. The brothers then in turn, each one girding himself with a towel, wash and dry one another's feet, the sisters at the same time doing likewise among themselves in their part of the room.

"After this follows the supper, the feast of love, which is spread on long tables and consists of lamb soup and bread and other simple viands. It is eaten in devout solemnity and reverence. At the close of the meal the brothers turn to one another and extend the right hand of fellowship and the kiss of peace, each one shaking hands with his neighbor and kissing him. While the sisters at their tables perform the same beautiful rite among themselves. The communion is then administered."

#### The Dog and the Law.

Once it is established that the nature of the species is gentle and that every dog is a law-abiding and peaceable Bruno then it becomes necessary, before liability for the vulgar transgressions of a fierce Towser can be fastened on the owner, that he should have previous knowledge of the usual and not to be expected feature.

This is called scienter, and until an owner has this knowledge of his dog's viciousness he is not responsible, though in the error of its ways not acting as becomes a gentleman of the dog species or a lady, as the case may be. To be more accurate and exact, once a dog has departed from the narrow path of rectitude and demeaned itself in ways other than should obtain with a strictly proper and gentle animal, and the owner knows it, then it loses status and caste and must be put down as a vicious animal, and the owner keeps it at his peril. Lord Coleridge, it seems, was anxious to reduce the law on the subject to a nicety in the way of succinctness and brevity, and he succeeded by saying that "every dog is entitled to one bite," and the case has special reference to spring lamb or veal. The expression is varied by making it "every dog is entitled to one worry."—Green Bag.

#### Racial Repartee.

A Swede and an Irishman, both of them tolerably well known about town, got into an argument in front of the courthouse, and they began telling each other how it was too bad that their ancestors had ever happened to shed the wolf robes and take to living under cover. When things got a bit warm, the Swede remarked that there was no doubt in his mind that the Irishman would be entitled, by reason of his ancestry, to join some of the pedigree associations but for the unfortunate fact that most of these ancestors were hanged for stealing sheep.

"I suppose they did their sheep stealing with the understanding among themselves that they were all kings, and that it was all right to go over into the next county and steal whatever they could lay their hands on," said the Swede in conclusion.

"Yes, an be all accounts," said the Irishman, "your ancestors lived in kingdoms so very small that every time they smelled a stockfish in the yard of a neighbor they jumped over the fence an got it, an if they got back they made a national affair of it if there was any pursuit."—St. Paul Globe.

#### Grotesque Spanish Honor.

The Washington Times recalls a story about the Duke of Wellington that illustrates the fantastic idea of honor held by many Spaniards, contrasted with the practical common sense of Englishmen. When the duke was co-operating with the Spanish army in the peninsula against Napoleon, he was desirous on one occasion during a general engagement that the general commanding the Spanish contingent should execute a certain movement on the field. He communicated the wish to the Spaniard personally and was somewhat taken aback to be told that the honor of the king of Spain and his army would compel him to refuse the request unless Wellington, as a foreign officer graciously permitted to exist and fight on Spanish soil, should present the petition on his knees.

The old duke often used to tell the story afterward, and he would say, "Now, I was extremely anxious to have the movement executed, and I didn't care a twopenny damn about getting on my knees, so down I pumped!"

#### THE LADRONES.

For governor of the Ladrones: Some good Ohio man who has no objection to going away from home and staying in as night.—Washington Post.

The only American on the Ladrones was made governor. In this case the office undoubtedly had to seek the man.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

It is a hard task to keep an accurately on American territory in these days. For instance, two or three days ago we were not aware that the Ladrones islands belonged to Uncle Sam. But they did, and they do.—San Francisco Examiner.

#### A Matter of Fees.

Invalid—I would rather be dead than as I am! Attending Physician—Ah, madam, you should live and—er—let live.—Detroit Journal.



### The Two Doors

The Rebel, the Tory and the Spy—A Tale of an Escape from New York in 1778

BY CLINTON ROSS

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#### Little Horses Not Wanted.

For years the standard of the market for horses has been steadily advancing. It takes a better horse nowadays to be called a good one than ever before. He must have more quality, more style and, above all, more size than ever. The last is especially important. A horse must be of good size for his class to bring a good price. A little draft horse is a chunk and maybe a poor one at that. A small driver is not wanted by men who can afford to pay good prices for driving horses and is too small to work. If a man is breeding drivers to sell, he must get the size. He cannot afford to risk getting extreme speed one time and losing the other things nine times. He must breed for quality, style and size, and all the speed he can add thereto will profit him. But a farmer cannot afford to breed small horses on the chance of getting speed, for too often he doesn't get it or doesn't know when he has it. Get them good and big, and they will sell.—National Stockman.

#### Anesthetic From South America.

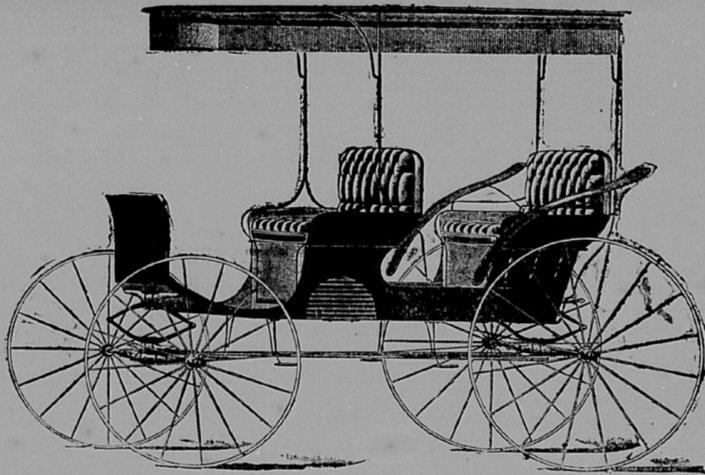
The latest thing in this line is named cocaine, prepared from a South American plant, and in its local action similar to cocaine, but without any of the poisonous effects of the latter, even though employed in much larger doses. The severest test as yet reported was the amputation at the lower third of the leg of a man 68 years old without the use of chloroform or ether, followed by rapid and painless healing of the stump. As much of the cocaine was put into two or three tablespoonfuls of water as the water would dissolve, and with a hypodermic syringe a few drops of the solution were injected under the skin. About an inch from the center of the injection another was made, then another, until the limb was girdled by them at the place where amputation was intended. After waiting five minutes to allow of the superficial tissues becoming insensible the needle was thrust deeply into the muscles and injections made. In a few minutes all that portion of the leg, including three or four inches above and below the ring of injections, was found to be destitute of feeling, and the operation of cutting off the limb was proceeded with exactly as with chloroform. When the deeper tissues were cut into, a slight smarting sensation was experienced a few times, but immediately relieved by the application of a little more of the solution to the seat of the discomfort.

#### Metallizing Wood.

Still another method of metallizing wood, one by which it becomes very solid and resistant and assumes the appearance of a true metallic mirror, is described in the Paris Monde with much detail. Briefly, the wood is first immersed for three or four days, as may be its degree of permeability, in a caustic alkaline lye, and thence passes immediately into a bath of hydrosulphite of calcium, to which is added, after 24 or 30 hours, concentrated solution of sulphur in caustic potash. The duration of this bath is about 48 hours, and its temperature is from 55 to 50 degrees. Finally, the wood is immersed for 30 or 40 hours in a hot solution of acetate of lead. The wood prepared in this manner, and after having undergone a proper drying at a moderate temperature, acquires under a burnisher of hard wood a polished surface and exhibits a very brilliant metallic luster—a luster still further increased in its attractiveness if the surface of the wood be rubbed thoroughly, in the first place, with a piece of lead, tin or zinc and afterward be polished with a glass or porcelain burnisher.

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