

BENEFITS OF POULTRY SHOW

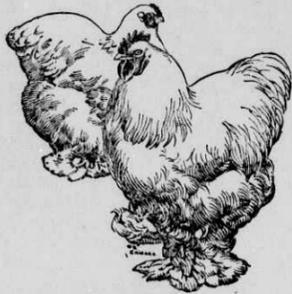
Of Particular Educational Value to Beginner—Gives Fancier Chance to See Live Birds.

(By R. H. WHITE.)

The educational value of the poultry show to the fancier, and particularly to the beginner, cannot be over-estimated. A study of the standard or other descriptions without the opportunity to see live specimens could never give the clear, concise conception of a variety which the poultry birds creates. Nor is this benefit lost to the experienced fancier, for every opportunity which he gets to see the birds of his competitors and to meet and exchange ideas with his fellow-breeders is of direct educational value. After all, poultry breeding, like all other live-stock breeding, follows certain fashions, which are constantly changing more or less slowly, and for this reason the fancier who never has opportunity to observe other men's stock can scarcely expect to keep abreast of these fashions in birds. To the fanciers, therefore, both old and new, the poultry show is a liberal education, and in some sense a necessity.

To those not particularly familiar with poultry and who attend the show largely from curiosity the exhibition has a distinct educational value. It opens their eyes to the extent and degree to which poultry breeding has been carried, and brings a realization of importance of the industry. In this relation the show has a direct value to the industry in arousing interest in poultry breeding and in gaining many new recruits.

To the plain or utility poultryman the show has, of course, an educational value. It may open his eyes to the value of pure-bred stock as compared with scrub or mongrel stock, though here it would seem to fall somewhat in its possibilities. The writer has been informed, however, that this educational influence is felt in the in-



Prize Winners.

creasing difficulty which is met by fanciers in selling cull stock. The industrial exhibits are also valuable to the poultryman, quite as much so, in fact, as to the fancier. To this class the show should have a much more far-reaching effect than at present exists, and it is in this respect that reforms should be initiated.

How to Feed the Flocks.

Scratching is of more importance than feeding, and it is not necessary to feed them more than twice a day, as the noon meal usually satisfies the fowls that they will not be inclined to scratch and then exercise. The hen that has to hustle for part of her living will be laying eggs while the overfed hen is serenely digesting her food and quietly waiting for her owner to bring more.

POULTRY NOTES

These bright days make work in the poultry yard a real pleasure.

Hens should not be expected to drink ice water or eat corn out of snow.

Hens will not lay well or thrive unless they have plenty of sunlight. Keep the windows clean.

The idea of perfect comfort should predominate in every building that is constructed for the chickens.

When fenced away from the gardens and flower beds fowls do little damage and cause scarcely any annoyance on a farm.

Chickens will not scratch when they are overfed nor when there is no feed in the litter. The idea is to keep them scratching.

The material from which egg shells are made is carbonate of lime and there are many forms in which this may be furnished.

Hens that are not laying these days can coax sometimes by feeding them a small amount of cut bone or fresh meat in some form.

When it becomes necessary to wash eggs on account of their becoming soiled in the nest, don't use soap or anything else but luke warm water.

The Indian Runner duck is to the duck family what the Leghorn is to the hen family. They are great layers, but not so suitable for market purposes.

If you keep the poultry house as clean as the dairy house and use equal energy and good sense in every other branch of the business you will make money.

Always pick up the feed troughs that are used in the pen after each meal, and put them back against the side of the building where they will not become filthy.

If you would have eggs in the winter try to imitate nature as much as possible. See that the fowls are comfortable and that they get plenty of fresh air, light and exercise.

THE ONLOOKER

By WILBUR D. NESBIT

The Pictures in the Grate



Ho, my little fellow, with the glamour in your eyes,
Let us watch the pictures where the glowing ember dies;
Let us see the palace where the princess lives in state—
Walls of gold and gleaming in the magic of the grate!
Walls of gold and silver, and a ruby stream that rolls
Round about the palace in the ever-changing coils.

Ho, my little fellow, with the wonder in your eyes,
Tell me of the glories where the flashes fall and rise!
Let us see the turrets and the pinnacles and all—
Yes, and hear the trumpets blow defiance from the wall!
See the princess smiling at the window, while below
Stands the princely lover who is loth to mount and go.

Ho, my little fellow, with the firelight in your eyes,
Take me back to boy-land with its ever happy slides!
Let me sit beside you while you gaze into the flame,
Tell me of the princess; of her beauty; of her name;
Let us trace the jewels that her gentle charms enhance;
Let us catch the glitter of the armor and the lance.

Ho, my little fellow, with the wisdom in your eyes,
Let me have the knowledge that I had when I was wise;
Trace the olden pictures in the coals, and let me see
All the royal visions that were once so true, to me.
Look again, and tell me what the dying embers hold,
For my glad boy fancies now are ashes, gray and cold.

Too Much.

"It wasn't his cuffed airs altogether that made me mad at him, judge," explains the native who has been haled to the justice court on complaint of the summer boarder. "I can put up with a lot of hifalutin' style, but when these here Percies and Algies commence to spring their jokes, sometimes they jest nachelly makes me riled."

"But what did this here gentleman spring on you that made you cut loose and pound him up this way?" asked the justice, gazing at the bandaged head of the plaintiff.

"It wasn't so much, sence I've had time to think it over, but if you'd 'a' been there an' heard the s'perior way in which he ast me if th' foot hills wasn't a great place for corn, you'd 'a' hit him, too."

What!

If the skirts at the dance
Are fashioned like trousers,
As mentioned in style's newest notes,
Will petticoats, too,
Be novel and new—
Will they be called neat pantaloons?

Clever Work.

"Sir," said the Russian general to the war correspondent, "I and the members of my staff wish to thank you for the highly creditable work you have done during this campaign. The papers containing your articles have just reached us, and we have been greatly pleased with the evidence of your carefulness."

"Thank you; thank you, sir," said the correspondent, blushing deeply.

"Not only," continued the general, "have you got all the main facts and incidents, but you have succeeded in properly spelling our names."

Picked His Man.

"This check," said the judge, examining the forgery which had been submitted as evidence, "is a bungling piece of work. It seems to me that it wouldn't deceive any one. Where in the world did the prisoner find any one to cash it?"

"He passed it at the green grocer's, your honor," explained the prosecuting attorney.

The Dear Friend.

"Mabel," said the first dear friend, "I want you to sing one or two numbers on a charity program I am getting up."

"Oh, you dear thing," replied Agnes, the second dear friend, "it is perfectly sweet of you, but you know I have almost dropped my singing."

"But you are just the one we want for this program," insisted the first dear friend. "It is for the inmates of a deaf and dumb school."

Wilbur D. Nesbit

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.



Miss Loula Long and Her Pets.

HORSES ARE HER HOBBY.

Millionaire's Daughter Spends Thousands on a Show String.

Horse racing may well be termed the sport of kings, and this is true in more than one sense. It surely takes a kingly purse to maintain a racing stable, whether of runners or light harness horses, but according to some of the largest show exhibitors, both in this country and across the water, the most costly way to indulge one's love for a good horse is to equip and maintain a big show stable and take it around the circle of metropolitan horse shows.

There is absolutely no equable remuneration for the expense incurred in riding a hobby of this kind as the premiums given, even at the largest shows, would be wholly inadequate to defray the outlay necessary for the maintenance of a high class show stable.

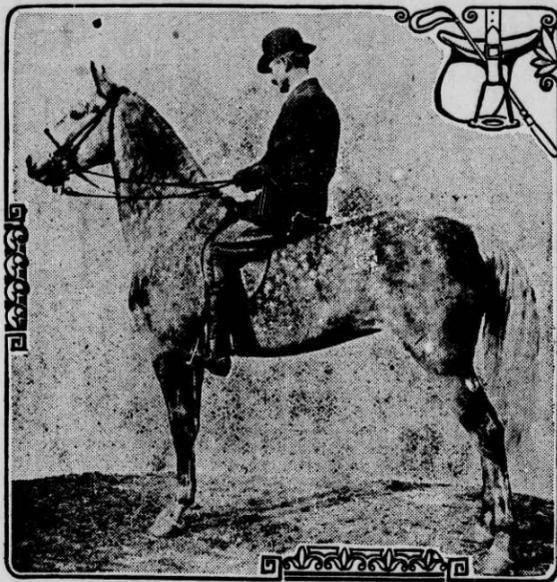
One of the largest and strongest stables of show horses in the west is owned by a woman, who directs the care and management of the horses and exhibits her own entries in the ring. This remarkable young woman—for she is both young and attractive—is Miss Loula Long of Kansas City, the daughter of a millionaire, and she spends her money with a lavish hand.

Miss Long's horses, harness, vehicles and appointments represent an investment of many thousands of dollars and she spends thousands more every year keeping her show string in condition and in shipping to the various shows around the country. Last summer she sent her famous horse, the King, to the Olympia show in London, where he demonstrated that he had quality enough to be returned a winner. Miss Long is an accomplished horsewoman and whenever she enters the ring she makes a dashing figure.

Miss Long and her stable of blue ribbon winners will be a leading feature at the coming horse show to be held in Denver by the Western National Livestock association during the week of January 16 to 21. Horsemen from all over the west congregate in Denver during that week and many of the largest horse show exhibitors from the east also put in an appearance.

This year in addition to Miss Long the stables of Augustus Busch, the millionaire St. Louis brewer, Edward B. McLean of Washington, D. C., a young millionaire who has recently broken into the horse show game, Judge William H. Moore, whose horses won more ribbons in London this year than those of any other American exhibitor, and George Pepper of Toronto, will compete at the Denver show.

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



The Popular American Saddle Horse, at the National Horse Show, Denver, Jan. 16-21.

REMOUNTS FOR THE CAVALRY.

War Department Finding Difficulty in Securing Right Kind of Horses.

The war department at Washington is experiencing considerable difficulty during the past few years in securing the proper kind of horses for remounts for the cavalry. During the past five years the farmers of the country have been going almost exclusively into the breeding of heavy draft horses and while there are still a number of good light stallions in service, the demand for light harness horses and saddle horses is far in excess of the demand.

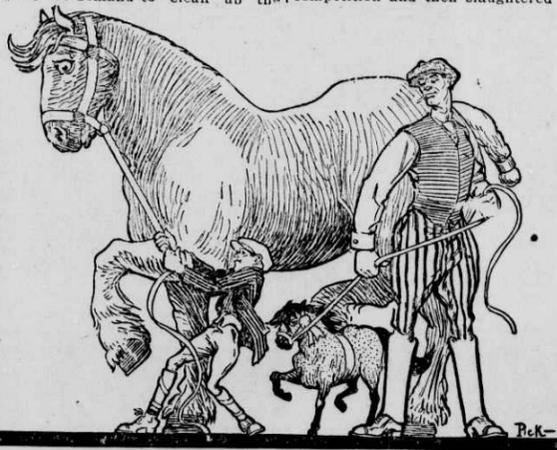
Breeders know just what is required of a cavalry horse or the class of a horse that is wanted for that purpose.

The National Western Stock Show at Denver has arranged to give the cavalry horse a prominent place in the big show to be held January 16-21 and Secretary Dickinson of the department of war has issued an order for a troop of cavalry from Fort Russell to participate. This troop will bring down to the Denver show a bunch of typical cavalry horses and they will be put through their drill in the arena to show just what is required of them. In addition to the cavalry horses, a number of officers will attend the show with their chargers and will show the breeders the class of horse they need and the kind of work they are expected to perform. A good charger must be a good jumper and one of the features of the Denver show will be the jumping in the military classes.

The military feature of the horse show at Madison Square last month and also at the International show at Chicago, attracted much interest and should prove a most interesting and instructive feature at the big Denver show in January.

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 in 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



A DENVER HORSE SHOW PROBLEM.

Why Does the Little Man Always Exhibit a Big Horse and the Big Man Show a Pony?

Light range stock and today the west is producing barely enough of the saddle horse to supply the demand for cow horses.

Practically nothing has been done to interest the horse breeders of the country in the cavalry horse. Few

judge 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.



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