

INCREASED DEMAND FOR HARNESS HORSES



Prize Winning Team at the Albany County Fair.

In spite of the marked increase in use of automobiles all over the country, it is a well-known fact among horse dealers that the right kind of harness horse is scarce and high. The reason for this is that the horse is a lively sentiment regarding his equine friend, and this sentiment exploits itself in a practical way by good prices for the first class light harness horse, or trotter.

Style, speed, conformation and disposition are the firm cardinal requisites of a high-class light harness horse, every quality above mentioned is a necessary one and in order as mentioned. Without these four accomplishments an animal of the road-stead class cannot command the top-notch price on the market. It is for the advantage of the breeder, who at the same time is a farmer, to remember these requisites. It may be safely said that without style the light harness horse does not elicit admiration, that without speed he cannot "keep pace with the times," that without beauty, of appearance or conformation he will not set off handsome trappings and equipment. Lastly that lacking a docile disposition he is practically useless for the purpose for which he is meant.

No animal used by man needs to be so carefully handled and trained as the roadster, for oftentimes he is driven by women and children therefore upon his docility, depends the safety of their lives.

In these days of horse terrors—such as motor-cars, bicycles, traction engines and the like, a horse must be thoroughly broken to be sold as safe, or "lady broke." He must be fearless as all ordinary objects are concerned, yet he must be imbued with the proper amount of spirit when occasion demands.

As it is a conceded fact among horsemen that the American trotter is the fastest light harness horse in the world, it is natural to suppose

that the farmer who wants to raise light harness horses will choose a trotting bred sire, and a dam in whose veins flows a generous infusion of their trotting or thoroughbred (true) blood. This line of breeding should bring desired results in the way of colts which will later on develop into road horses of a high type.

There are some families of trotter remarkable for their beauty of appearance and symmetry of form individuals making stylish single drive horses, while many handsome carriage teams are of the standard trotting blood. Then again there are families of thoroughbreds that combine beauty with speed, and also show considerable speed at the trot.

The writer well remembers a race horse, strictly thoroughbred, who in doing his work under the saddle would trot a mile in 3:05 and he was a good race horse at that. The late Senator Leland Stanford of California raised many great trotters, and it is generally known by breeding his great stallion Electioneer to mare that he is practically thoroughbred. If it goes, running and trotting makes a trotter, and a trotter must necessarily be a good roadster even if he is never put into regular training.

We will suppose that a farmer has a pair of light harness horses that he has raised, breeding, style, conformation, education and speed are up to the standard. This pair will perform well in single and double harness now if the breeder wants to sell more, could be asked and received.

The writer feels assured that the above figures are not extravagant in the least, as the demand for a high type of light harness horse is very good, but horses of this class must come up to the requirements of the trade.

Social Forms and Entertainments



Emigrant Party.

This was a most amusing entertainment given at a roadside place at the little clubhouse built up over the water.

The invitations read: "All Aboard for the 'Manor' Dock. Come in 'Emigrant' Costume; August Eighth at Eight O'clock."

Refreshments fifty cents. The cards were limited to a coterie who were well acquainted and as the passing of the ways was near, every one entered most heartily into the scheme. The couple who attracted a great deal of attention was a man and his wife who appeared in Dutch peasant costumes, including wooden shoes. "Paddy" from "Cork" and "Sweet Kitty," his colleen, were hailed with delight. Prizes were awarded to a family of Russian Jews, who were most realistic, carrying great rolls and bags, with a bird cage and a baby which was a large doll.

The grand march was formed and all passed before the inspector, who gave a clean bill of health. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, iced coffee, doughnuts and pie served just as such things are found in a country station. Counter and benches had been arranged with tall dishes of fruit; plates of sandwiches, alternating with "fried" cakes and pie; hot tea or coffee, also ice cream could be ordered.

Card tables were provided for those who wished to play, and there was a jolly dance. The possibilities of this plan are great and such an affair could be utilized by a church society or club as a means of making money. Flags of all nations would make an appropriate decoration.

"Cobbler" Came for Wee Tots. Here is something the little kiddies will enjoy: Tell one of the children to call himself the "cobbler" and sit on the floor, while the other join hands and dance around him. The cobbler says:

"Now is the time to try on the shoes," and at once, but without leaving his seat, reaches for the feet of one in the ring while the players endeavor to dance out of his reach. If one is caught he, or she, becomes the cobbler.

Novel Shower Scheme. This is a pretty way to present the gifts to a bride at a shower if the articles are small like hosiery or handkerchiefs. Make a list of the articles the bride wishes to have and when dessert time comes (if the occasion is a luncheon) ask each guest to pull her ribbon and as the package is forthcoming, each one has some excuse to find like "This piece of pie is too large, please hand it to Miss B—," (the honored guest). And the

next one says: "My piece is very much too small, just pass it to Miss B—." This makes loads of fun and opening the parcels adds zest to the occasion. It is well to have an appropriate sentiment written on the donor's card to be read aloud. Handkerchiefs and stockings may be rolled and concealed in tissue paper with fringed ends and so look like the snapping motto favors so popular at all social functions; the ribbons tied around each one and all put within the pie.

Unique Wedding Anniversary.

At the celebration of the fortieth wedding day interesting decorations on the dining room table either side of the wedding cake were also on the card. It is needless to say the guests were much pleased to have these valuable souvenirs. The boxes containing wedding cake bore the date of the wedding and the present date.

The place cards bore pictures of the honored guests taken at the time of the original wedding and ones of today, under which was written "Forty Years After." A picture of the first home and the present one were also on the card. It is needless to say the guests were much pleased to have these valuable souvenirs. The boxes containing wedding cake bore the date of the wedding and the present date.

Practical and Seasonable. So many requests have come to me for simple but well balanced menus for stag affairs; I think these two very good; precede the second one with watermelon and cantaloupe balls in glasses, slightly salted, and a few drops of sherry poured over each one before serving. Keep on ice.

Consonance and Brand Stocks. Salmagundi, Chicken, 3 French Fried Potatoes. Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Stewed Tomatoes.

Tomato Salad, Chicken Balls, Sandwiches. Peaches and Cream. Tasty Sponge Cake.

Beefsteak, Creamed New Potatoes. Spiced Pig, Apricot Marmalade. Tomato Salad, Watermelon Balls, Cantaloupe Balls.

"Letter" Game. This is a very old game, but I have no doubt that it will be new to many, and I am sure those of us who know it in our youth will be glad to renew the acquaintance. Any number of players may participate.

The one who proposes the game explains that the letter chosen must begin the answer to the question; for instance, suppose the letter "A" is agreed upon and the leader says "mention the name of an American city beginning with 'A.'" (Atlanta); a foreign city, (Amiens); an American river, (Alabama); a mineral, (amethyst); a vegetable, (artichoke); an animal, (ape); an article to be worn, (arctic), etc.

Questions innumerable may be suggested. MADAME MERRI.

Here's Walter Johnson

Washington "Nationals" (American League) one of the speediest pitchers of either of the big leagues—he



OTHERS ALSO IN HARD LUCK. Youthful Artist, However, Was in No Mood to Extend Sympathy to Fellow Unfortunate.

Two youthful artists having a studio in Philadelphia, where they not only work, but lodge as well, were obliged to make shift, not long ago, during a period of financial stress, with such means as they could themselves prepare in the studio.

One morning as the younger of the two was "sketching in" the coffee he gave utterance to loud and bitter comment. "This is a fine way for gentlemen to live!" he exclaimed.

"Oh, I don't know," was the reply of his friend. "Lots of people are far worse off. I was reading only this morning of a reclus who cooked his own breakfast for 19 years."

"He must have been awfully hungry when he finally got it done," rejoined the other, savagely—Harper's Magazine.

Exact Statement. Some one has said that the man who laughs is the man who is secure in superior information, wisdom, wit or sophistry. The naïveté of the student supplies plenty of food for this kind of laughter.

There is the story of a telegraph clerk in an outlying district of the White Nile who, finding the desolation upon his nerves, telegraphed to headquarters: "Cannot stay here; am in danger of life; am surrounded by lions, elephants and wolves."

The hard-hearted operator at the other end wired back: "There are no wolves in the Sudan." He received a second wire: "Referring my wire 10th, cancel wolves."—Youth Companion.

Success demands sacrifice. Two men set out to achieve fame. One succeeded. The other lived.—Louis Horwitz.

GOOD RESULT OF SUGGESTION. Chance Phrases and Ideas That Have Been Utilized and Found to Have Real Value.

Richard Mansfield told me that when he was a lad in London he often nearly starved. There was a certain bakeshop where he would go and feast upon the odors coming from the door. The boyhood notion gave him the idea of putting those lines in his play, "Beat Brummel," about "dining on the names of things"—a suggestion he used with powerful dramatic effect.

This idea of suggestion has done many a good deed. About ninety years ago a thirsty man walked up Wall street—I understand the habit of getting a thirst no longer prevails there, or maybe it is only the manner of allaying it—and pumped a tin cup full of water from his own well. "Not so good as I used to get from my father's well," or something to that effect he remarked to his wife. "A pretty idea for a song," said she, and so he sat down and in an hour wrote "The Old Oaken Bucket"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Too Candid an Agreement. "Lovers are prone to self-deprecation," said he tenderly, as they sat looking at the stars. "I do not understand what you see in me that you love so much."

"That's what everybody says," gurgled the ingenuous maiden. Then the silence became so deep that you could hear the stars thinking.

Rather Loud, Eh? "Prat—I understand that Ethel's new dress is the last cry in fashions. Alms—es: it's a regular scream!"—Dartmouth Jack O'Leary.

Judging from their actions, a man sometimes wonders if his friends are not enemies in disguise.

COMFORTABLE HENS ARE THE LAYERS

Anything in Poultry Line Finds Market, but High Prices Paid for Choice Goods.

Each year the postmaster better understands the care of poultry, knows their wants and has discovered how to keep them comfortable. The comfortable hens are the ones that do the laying.

About thirty years ago when poultry farming was young, it was a business, a dry across that it would not be long before there would be such a surplus of stock that prices would go tumbling, but notwithstanding that there are less successful plants today to every one thirty years ago and the demand not half reached.

With the increase of supply came the increase of demand and today we are no nearer meeting the demand than we ever were.

However, there is a change in the market which must not be lost sight of. Almost anything in the poultry line sells, but the choicest prices are those given to the "fancy goods."

The word "fancy" implies more than appearance. It means also quality. Poultry and egg buyers are becoming particular, but they are willing to pay for their goods. If they want brown eggs they will not take white, and if they prefer the white, the brown ones offer no temptation.

The market today demands choice, dumpy, fresh stock. Have you got it? Yes, the market is waiting for you.

We have today quite a number of breeds, and all to a certain extent are excellent. But they will not, any one of them, fill all the purposes, therefore, it is necessary for a man to select only such breeds as will best serve his customers.

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SELECTING AND PREPARING SOILS

Good Supply of Decomposable Organic Matter Helps Bacterial Action of Plant.

Many people make the fatal mistake of expecting alfalfa to do well on soils that are not fit properly to produce any kind of crop, says Bulletin 36 of the Purdue university (Indiana) station. There is just as much need of care in selecting and preparing soils for alfalfa as for any other crop and probably more, because of its deep rooting habits and large plant food requirements.

Deep, loamy soils with open subsoils are undoubtedly best for alfalfa, but there is plenty of evidence to show that it may be successfully produced on almost any type of soil, from light sandy or gravelly loams and peats or mucks to heavy clays, provided that it is well drained, sweet, and properly supplied with organic matter and available plant food. In 248 trials conducted by the Purdue station in recent years in cooperation with farmers throughout Indiana, 68 out of 83 days, 167 out of 183 loams, and 29 out of 77 sandy soils gave satisfactory results.

Many soils that at present are not fit for alfalfa culture may be made so by providing drainage facilities, correcting acidity, adding organic matter, or supplying needed plant food, according to the requirements. Good drainage is essential in order that the roots may go deep into the soil. Heavy mucks must be broken up or avoided altogether. Soils that are sour may be made sweet by thorough drainage and the application of lime.

A good supply of decomposable organic matter in the soil helps the bacterial action in making plant food available; facilitates the insulating process, and together with a good drainage prevents heating in the spring. For soils that are out of condition in this respect, a good way to supply organic matter if sufficient manure is not available is to raise and plow under a crop of cowpeas or some green manuring crop before attempting to grow alfalfa.

Peat and muck soils may be used for alfalfa if they are well drained and properly supplied with mineral plant food. Potash is nearly always lacking in these soils and often phosphoric acid and lime must also be supplied. Soils that are subject to flooding are not good for alfalfa.



THIS is one of the large shapes which are again the rage in Paris. It is turned up at one side and under the brim there is a cluster of shaded roses. A length of black velvet ribbon is passed under the chin and fastened under the roses at one side. Nearly all the new pictures and hats show strings, either of velvet ribbon or white satin. These strings give an old-world appearance to a simple hat and they are, for the greater part, becoming.

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