

A WOMAN'S VICTORY.

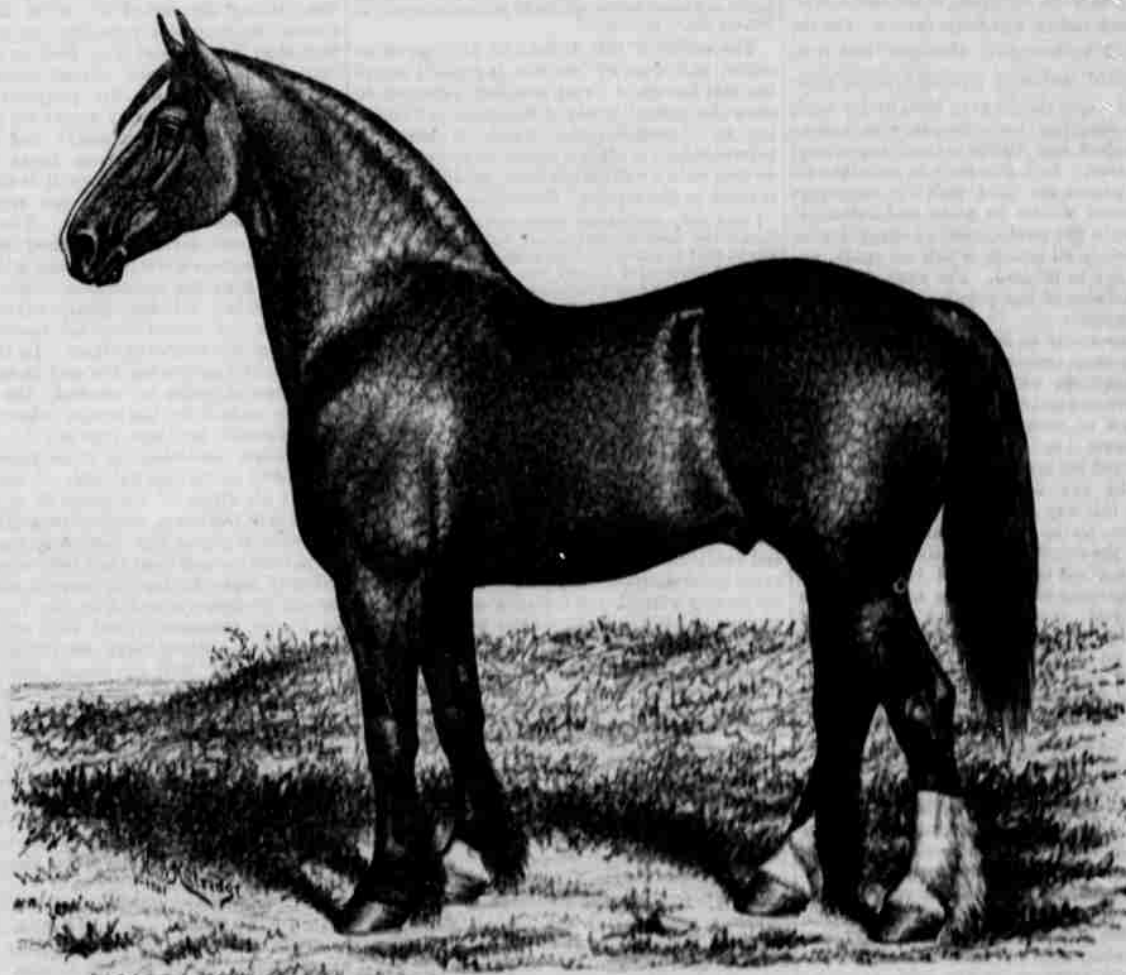
Across the river there lives a woman who has been twice married but is now a widow. She has one child of her first husband and two of her second husband to support. When the latter died he was in debt by an endorsement for \$1,000, and among his assets was a second mortgage on a small farm which it would not pay to take owing to the size of the first mortgage. How the wife managed to work things when thrown on her own resources makes quite a story of feminine New England enterprise. Take, for example, the case of the worthless second mortgage. The owner of the farm had abandoned the property, and the holder of the first mortgage, realizing that some day he would get it, thought it

it, does not belong to her, but his children, and for all her labor she has no ownership. The law is rather queer in its working some times. —*Hartford Letter to Springfield Republican.*

A FILLER FOR POROUS HARD WOODS.—Use boiled oil and corn starch stirred into a very thick paste. Add a little japan and reduce with turpentine. Add no color for light ash. For dark ash and chestnut, use a little raw sienna; for walnut, burnt umber and a slight amount of Venetian red; for bay wood, burnt sienna. In no case use more color than is required to overcome the white appearance of the starch unless you wish to stain the wood. This filler is worked with brush and rags in the usual manner. Let it dry 48 hours, or until it is in condition to rub down with No. 0 sandpaper,

CLYDESDALE STALLION.

We present to our readers upon this page, an illustration of the superb Clydesdale stallion, Perfection; This magnificent specimen of the famous Clydesdale horses was imported from Scotland by Messrs. Smith & Powell, of Lakeside stock farm, Syracuse, N. Y., in September, 1880. He is a horse of large proportions, powerfully built, deep-chested, with broad quarters, good back, short legs, powerful, flat, hard bones, with plenty of hair, good feet, and splendid style and action. He is dark bay in color, marked with a narrow strip of white in face, white hind ankles, and a little rim of white



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wise to begin early, and so planted a crop on the land in the spring. The plucky widow, however, finding it would take him several months to foreclose, got from the owner a deed of the land. Then she went and ploughed under the first mortgage man's crop and set the fields herself to tobacco. The other party was powerless until the machinery of the law had foreclosed his bond, and, before that time, the widow had cut and removed her tobacco, and was just so much in. By pluck and activity, working hard herself, she got along, supported herself and family, and, little by little, reduced the face of the \$1,000 debt, which was in the form of a mortgage on her farm, and was held by a trustee, and so could not morally be compromised by him. Finally by her own labors she cleared the whole farm of debt and wiped the mortgage all off. This perhaps all answers the question whether farms can be made to pay in Connecticut. To finish the story it may be added that the husband left no will, and consequently the farm, now that she has paid for

without much gumming up, and if an extra fine finish is desired fill again with the same materials, using less oil, but more of japan and turpentine. The second coat will not shrink, it being supported by the first coat. When the second coat is hard, the wood is ready for finishing up in any desired style or to any degree of nicety by following up the usual methods. This formula is not intended for rosewood, and will not be satisfactory if used therefor.—*T. F. Page, in the Coach Painter.*

"Mr. Jones, your clock is not right, is it?" "Well, you see, sir," said Mr. Jones, "nobody don't understand much about that clock but me. When the hands of that clock stands at twelve, then it strikes two, and then I knows it's twenty minutes to seven."

A STUDENT at Oxford University, on being asked "Who was Egan?" replied: "Egan was a man who wrote fables, and sold his copyright for a mess of potash."

over his right forward hoof. He is 16½ hands high, and will weigh 1,600 lbs. He is a very superior Clydesdale in every way. Perfection was the winner of the first prize in the Clydesdale class at the New York State fair, held in Albany, N. Y., in 1880, and at the same time secured the special premium of \$100, given for the best draft horse of any age or breed, competing with a number of imported Norman Percherons, Clydesdale and other draft stallions. He also took first prize at the Onondago county fair, held at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1880, as the best draft stallion. Messrs. Smith & Powell have a large stock of Clydesdale and Hambletonian horses and Holstein cattle, and issue separately, a catalogue of each, which will be found of interest to those who like fine animals.

They combine in a remarkable degree activity with physical strength. These are most desirable qualities in a draft horse, and secure a market for them. They are already on this coast some excellent representatives of the breed, and there is room for many more.