

POINTS FOR THE HORSEMAN.

Concerning brood mares, there is no danger of working them in foal provided they are properly handled, says a writer in the Breeder's Gazette, Chicago. A mare will be better if worked and will produce more vigorous foals. However, judgment should be exercised in working mares heavy in foal. They should not be required to haul heavy loads over muddy roads or work in the field where they would be required to turn in soft, mucky ground, as they might strain themselves and cause serious injury. The man who uses more than one team on his farm can easily give the lighter work to the mares in foal and in this manner get substantially the same work out of them as any other team.

It is not a good plan to turn mares in the pasture with other horses when heavy in foal unless they are known to get along with them. A kick may kill a colt. Brood mares need about the same feed as other horses, but when nearing foaling time it is better not to feed much corn or other heating food. Many think mares when at work, as well as other horses, should



CARMON, STANDARD BRED CARRIAGE STALLION.

be fed only timothy hay, but well cured clover hay or timothy and clover mixed I regard as equally good.

Breeding Carriage Horses.

Uncle Sam's horse farm, conducted by the department of agriculture in co-operation with the Colorado experiment station, is developing a breed of carriage horses on an American foundation. When this experimental work was taken up carriage horse breeding was decided upon because such horses are, as a rule, the most valuable on the market and as a result of the strong demand the supply was gradually diminishing. Most important of all, however, was the feeling that steps should be taken to correct the practice of castrating valuable stallions and selling valuable mares for other than breeding purposes. Among the number of stallions and mares purchased was the stallion Carmon (formerly shown as Glorious Thundercloud), bred by J. Secretary of Agriculture Norman J. Colman.

Teaching the Colt to Eat.

An old horseman says that the best way to teach a colt to eat is to begin while the mare is nursing it. He feeds the mare once a day on hay cut in such lengths, mixed with bran, middlings or other ground feed and moistened with water, just enough to make it adhere to the hay and not be sloppy. He arranges the feed box so the colt can learn to eat with the mare. In this way by weaning time the little animal will be able to keep his colt feed and weaning will not hurt him. A little of this feed will digest easily, be economical, will distend his stomach, and if followed until he is four or five years old, when his digestive organs are in perfect working order, he will be practically immune from colic or stomach trouble.

Belgians to the Front.

Speaking of Belgian draft horses recently, one of the largest dealers in New York said: "Our customers all like them for their remarkable keeping qualities as well as their great weight, and they are coming right to the front, the best of them commanding prices equaled only by the pick of the Percherons. I suppose there are no other horses on earth more docile and more easily kept than Belgian drafters. They come in all colors, yet I think I can pick one out every time by the points that are fixed in the breed. They are the closest built, blockiest horses that we see, with short necks, short, clean legs and short bodies, of enormous depth and breadth and usually with drooping rumps. They are not quite as active and snappy as the Percherons, and as a class they do not show the same quality, but when it comes to throwing weight into the collar the modern Flemish horse is a naffer. I think that a cross between the Percheron and the Belgian gives us the really best draft horses we have today."

Steers Thrive on Ensilage.

Experiments in steer feeding at the Pennsylvania experiment station show equal gains on a ration of corn ensilage as compared with dry fodder. Slaughter tests failed to show any difference in the carcasses of the two lots, and prices paid for the meat were the same. Figuring the cost, gain was made at greatest profit by feeding the ensilage.

Salting the Flock.

Sheep that have been a long time without salt are apt to make themselves sick eating too much of it when the opportunity comes. Be regular in feeding it to them, or, better still, provide a box to which the flock can have access at all times. They will help themselves and will eat only such as is good for them.

CHAMPION JERSEY.

Jacoba Irene, Bred in This Country, and Her Wonderful Record.

Some months ago Financial Counties, an imported Jersey owned by C. E. Farfel of Colorado, held the official world's record for Jerseys with a production of 795.3 pounds of fat. A little later Adelaide of Beechland, bred by Mr. Sweet of New York, but now owned by the Ladd estate of Portland, Ore., where the year's work was accomplished, eclipsed this record by producing under official supervision 849.62 pounds of fat during the preceding twelve months. And now comes Jacoba Irene, owned by A. O. Auten of Illinois, with another eclipsing record of 954.1 pounds, says a writer in Hoard's Dairyman.

Jacoba Irene and Adelaide of Beechland are of American breeding for several generations, which suggests that if one's ambition is to discover and disseminate the best representatives of the Jersey breed it is not necessary that he should cross the ocean to find them.

Bred by J. M. Shrader of St. Joseph, Mo., and dropped April 3, 1898, Jacoba Irene commenced her world conquering career for Mr. Auten by freshening Dec. 11, 1905, and in the succeeding twelve months gave 11,891.1 pounds of milk containing 619.9 pounds of fat; average test, 5.44 per cent. She freshened again Dec. 10, 1906, and during the ensuing year gave 14,255.7 pounds of milk containing 792.1 pounds of fat; average test, 5.55 per cent. Thirteen and one-half months later, Jan. 28,



JACOBA IRENE.

1908, she freshened again, and her record for this third year is 17,253.2 pounds of milk containing 954.1 pounds of fat.

It goes without saying that she was well born, but none of her immediate ancestors was especially renowned, Ida of St. Lambert being her great-granddam. Indeed, so far as can be learned, the others left no records from which one could predicate the wonderful producing ability she has demonstrated. About all that can be said is that her dam, Pogis Irene II, was less than twenty-three months old when Jacoba was born, that her granddam, Pogis Irene, was three years old when Pogis Irene II, was born and that this granddam was a heifer's first calf. It would seem, therefore, that the more or less widely disseminated opinion that a heifer's first calf is of inferior quality has no foundation in fact and that early breeding does not necessarily result in diminished size or impaired constitution.

Anti-acid For Calves.

When calves crave for wood or other unnatural substances it is an indication of an excessive acid condition of the digestive organs. They need an anti-acid, the same as cows eating bones to neutralize this acid condition. Give them a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in milk twice daily.

Mixed Ration More Profitable.

For wintering cattle it is more profitable to feed a mixed forage ration than to feed any single kind of forage. —Nebraska Experiment Station.

STOCK AND DAIRY.

A close, poorly ventilated stable may be very cold. It takes plenty of pure air to keep cattle warm.

Selecting Range Cows.

In selecting range cows for dairy work the Colorado experiment station reports that grade Shorthorns have usually been found the most satisfactory. The cow should be selected for four dairy points—a good udder, prominent hip bones, a sharp bone at the top of the shoulder and large stomach capacity.

White Specks in Butter.

White specks in butter are sometimes nothing more than fine particles of milk curd caused from lack of care in skimming. Sometimes they are small specks of dried cream due to dry cream having been scraped from the sides of the pan and being too dry to thoroughly soften and mix with the rest.

Selecting Breeding Stock.

In building up a herd of pure bred animals on the farm as much attention should be given to the foundation of that herd as would be given to the foundation of the house or the barn on the farm. The selection of the breeding stock is of prime importance. If you could secure the help of a successful breeder in making the first purchase it would be advantageous. Men of experience are quick to observe certain important points the beginner would overlook. Without sound judgment, good care and management you cannot expect to succeed in increasing the fertility of your land, building up a home or establishing a herd of pure bred.

HE HATED LONG PRAYERS.

And Well He Might After His Agonizing Experience.

"It happened," said the colonel, "that there were two colored preachers inhabiting cells in the penitentiary at Frankfort at the same time. If I remember aright, both were sentenced for polygamy, but old Sam was a Methodist parson, while old Jake was of the Baptist faith. It seems that Sam had done something to greatly offend the warden, and the punishment decided on was an old fashioned lashing. Some weeks after the affair came off the Rev. Sam, whom I had known from boyhood, was telling me about it.

"I didn't mind de whippin' so much, Mars Jack, ef it hadn't been for de way old Jake acted. You see, de warden he said to me: 'Sam, I's gwine to whip you and low de whippin' will do you a whole heap uv good. I's gwine to let old Jake pray for you, and de blows will continue to fall on your black hide while Jake's pra'r is a-goin' on. When he comes to a final stop, den de punishment will likewise end.'

"Land sakes, Mars Jack, I knowed it was all up wid me den, for dat ignorant old nigger never did know when it was time to get up off'n his knees! De fac' dat a po' human bein' was in distress wasn't gwine to make a bit uv difference wid him. Well, sir, it was jes' like I suspected it'd be. Dey brought me out, and old Jake, de old villun, started in, and as fast as he prayed de warden come down on me wid a whip dat cut like a knife. I never did want to hear a pra'r come to an end so bad in my life, but it weren't any use. Every time I thought he was mos' through old Jake took a fresh hold, and down come de licks harder'n ever. Shorely it seemed to me like he prayed a month, and, Mars Jack, I wants to tell you right now dat I am sot against long pra'rs for de rest uv my life." — Washington Post.

ROTTEN COTTON GLOVES.

The Origin of a One Time Popular Slang Phrase.

The origin of "rotten cotton gloves," a phrase which for some years belonged to the slang of England and America, is worth relating. At a time when John le Hay was playing at the Prince of Wales he was "commanded" to give his ventriloquial performance at a birthday entertainment at Sandringham.

His two figures, the usual squeaky old lady and the usual rude old man, had been newly dressed for the occasion, that their clothes might not suffer too keenly by comparison with the rich surroundings. But when Mr. le Hay had placed them in position and was about to begin his "show" he found to his disgust that his customer had forgotten to change the old man's dirty cotton gloves for a pair of new kids.

The tone of shabbiness this gave to the male figure was too conspicuous to be ignored by poor Mr. le Hay, and in an eternal half minute his quick wit found a way out of the trouble for him.

"A nice thing," remarked the male doll, looking around at the royal audience with alarm, "bringing me to a swell house like this in these terrible gloves!"

This caused so much amusement that the ventriloquist decided to make more of the "wheeze," and the badly behaved old gentleman's incessant grumble throughout the entertainment, "rotten cotton gloves," proved one of the chief successes of the evening.

The "line" was in all Mr. le Hay's subsequent performances in America as well as in England, and if, say, a man had had a bad deal in Wall street or in Throgmorton avenue it was the usual thing to say that he had a "rotten cotton deal." — London M. A. P.

A Bad Change.

While holding a term of court at Augusta once Judge Walton sentenced a man to seven years in prison for a grave crime. The respondent's counsel asked for a mitigation of the sentence on the ground that the prisoner's health was very poor. "Your honor," said he, "I am satisfied that my client cannot live out half that term, and I beg of you to change the sentence." "Well, under those circumstances," said the judge, "I will change the sentence. I will make it for life instead of seven years." It is almost needless to add that the respondent chose to abide by the original sentence, which the judge permitted him to elect. — Argonaut.

Fine Old Spanish Emeralds.

"Fine old Spanish emeralds" is a phrase which means something quite different from what it seems to imply. There never was an emerald mined in Spain, but after the conquest of Peru the conquerors brought home great quantities of loot, of which emeralds formed an important part. In this way the finest emeralds came into possession of the old Spanish families, and as very few had been seen in Europe previous to that time all the best stones soon became classed as the old Spanish emeralds. Today the expression still applies to the best emeralds of any source.

Japanese Justice.

When a dog barks at night in Japan the owner is arrested and sentenced to work a year for the neighbors that were disturbed. The dog gets off easier, being simply killed. — Philadelphia Inquirer.

Happy are the miseries that end in joy. — German Proverb.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

SEASONABLE.

Spring?
Where have we heard
That name?
Is it a game?
Or a season?
Hist!
This is treason.
Spring is the dearest.
The nearest
Perfect creature
That ever came down
The pike.
Doesn't it strike
You that way?
Of course
There is spring.
And then
Again
There is spring.
You cannot pay
Your money and say
Which is your choice.
You have no voice
In that.
With the gentle brand
At hand
You smile.
While
With the other kind
You find
Fault and say
It is a crime.
The way that winter
Is oversteering its time
But really could
Anything beat spring
When it is good?
Useless 'tis
For another to enter
When it holds
The center
Of the stage
And is all the rage
As the only season
In the almanac.

"Them Was the Days."

DO YE REMEMBER WHEN WE WORKED ON SPACE? EH—THEM WAS THE DAYS—GOT A MATCH?



We wouldn't so much mind growing old if we could conceal the fact from friends and acquaintances.

No Optimist.

"You might as well laugh as cry, little girl."

"Why?"

"Because one will do just as much good as the other."

"Maybe, but it feels better to cry."

Their Failing.

"The women in the Balkans are about to take up arms."

"What for?"

"To shoot the enemy, of course."

"That will be hard on the cows in the neighborhood."

The Way He Does It.

"He always fights his own battles."

"Hard hitter, eh?"

"Not so you could notice it."

"What is his method?"

"Long distance talker."

Explained.

"He always goes to his club on Wednesday."

"Always?"

"I wonder why."

"Mother-in-law day at home."

Felt So.

"Oh, dear, I feel so old today!"

"Well, you are older than you ever were before."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

When the man who can tell you all about it is too busy to do so it is your lucky day.

A touch of conceit often keeps the milk of human kindness from getting in a ferment.

It is some satisfaction to reflect that we haven't been foolish every time we have had an opportunity.



Being divorced to a man seems like being burglarized so far as his purse is concerned.

A good financier is known by the loans he doesn't make.

It is easy to keep sweet when everybody is playing to suit.

The way to be happy is just to be happy without lie or license from anybody.

There are people so careless with money that they use it to pay debts.

Some people laugh at their own expense and then make the audience give them a rebate.

It is sometimes hard to reconcile our ideas of fair play with the way things go with us.

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