PONIES COMING ON.

Lots of Fun and Good Training For a Child In a Pony.

Every favorable day of the spring has brought evidence of the growing liking for ponies. Boys and girls on ponies or in carts are no longer the somewhat rare sight of a number of years ago. Many fortunate youngsters spend most of their leisure time in the saddle, the little girl wearing the divided skirt and riding boy fashion. Some people think a boy or girl can

SHETLAND PONY HOWARD B.
[Winner of first prize in stallion class at World's fair, member of the herd of Belle Meade farm, Massachusetts.]

derive more fun, physical development and ruddy health to the square inch out of a Shetland pony than in any other way. In a large measure this is true, for by horseback riding every muscle in the body is brought into play, making it vastly superior to the mechanical exercise obtained from a gymnasium, and in riding and driving a pony the child readily acquires self reliance and courage, quickness of individual acton and a sense of judgment.

The accompanying cut from the American Cultivator shows a notable pony, with description as follows:

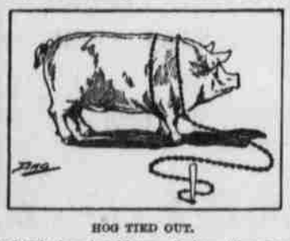
Standing forty inches high, Howard B. is of remarkably good conformation, having an unusually small head, full chest, deep body, short back, excellent hind quarters and very straight legs, with good bone. Wonderful to relate, he is as vigorous and in as good condition today as when he entered the show ring at the World's fair and as a perfect specimen of the Shetland is difficult to be excelled either for beauty or speed. His color is black and white.

A Contrast.

The largest horse so far as is known was brought to Watertown, Minn., by Sylvester Dory of this city, who traded a herd of Shetland ponies for him, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The animal stands eighty-one inches high and weighs close to 3,000 pounds. He was raised by H. R. Carroll, a farmer living near Doland, in this state.

Staking a Hog on Pasture.

A plan for tying out male hogs, as cows are tied out on pasture or range, is shown in the accompanying illustration, which is the idea of one of our readers. A double girth of medium sized chain is made to fit the body of the hog before and directly



HOG TIED OUT.

behind the shoulders. Below they are connected by a few links of chain, and the chain from the stake is also connected with the harness here. We are informed that this is a very satisfactory way of keeping hogs on range where it is impossible to have a special lot for their use, remarks Iowa Homestead.

The Consumer's Error.

The consumer is often to be blamed for the milk souring quickly. First class milk left at his house in a clean bottle and at a low temperature may be sour or off flavor twelve hours later because it was left standing in a warm kitchen for a few minutes or was poured into a pan that had been washed in the dishpan and wiped on a towel that had done service for all kinds of dishes for several days. Also milk should not be left standing in the sun a minute after the milkman leaves it.

More Horse Meat.

In 1906 56,000 horses were slaughtered for food in Paris, furnishing about 12,000 tons of meat. Formerly horse meat was eaten by only the poorest classes, but now it is no longer regarded as refuse meat, and its consumption by the working classes is rapidly increasing throughout Europe.

Onion Land.

Land that has grown any crop requiring high culture and heavy manuring and is free from weed seeds will generally grow good onions. Sometimes onions are raised on newly cleared woodland or prairie sod with great success simply by sowing the seed broadcast and harrowing it in. But this is seldom attempted.—Green.

OPPORTUNITY.

Superintendent's Address Before Boys' Farm Encampment.

By H. G. RUSSELL, Kansas.

America is but another name for opportunity. France has eight persons to our one per square mile; Europe has nearly four to our one. The United States has 12 per cent better land than Europe. Haven't you better opportunities than the boys of France and Europe? Our danger is that of becoming extravagant, of failing to learn the lessons of systematic saving and certain economy so necessary for the European boy to learn and practice.

Opportunity Always Knocking.

It is said that opportunity knocks once at the door of every man and that the one who was out knocks ever afterward. The first part of the statement is not true unless you make the "once" read "all the time." Opportunity is with you all the time. Great corporations are constantly looking for men of brains and character, men who can do something that is needed in the world's work. Learn to do something that is useful and do it well and your fortune is made if you will keep at it.

Today Is Doer's Day.

This is an age of doing. Be able to "deliver the goods" and you will be wanted. The test is doing. Learn how to think and you will soon know what to think. A man is of little value until he can take care of himself. Learn to take care of yourself and help others to the same high standard.

An honorable calling is any calling that makes a man stronger for the world's work, anything that needs to be done for the advancement of our civilization. Do not all try to get into professions. Do not let your parents kill themselves trying to make and save for you. Make and save for yourselves.

Near the Top.

Every one can work at wages that will enable him to live and save something, but the greater demand is near the top. The builder of a railroad showed me three vacant chairs in his office and told me he would pay $2,500 per year to persons who could fill them and do the work. They had been vacant for three months. He also said that he had advertised for common laborers and got a train load.

I watched with great interest the building of a church in a little city. The workmen who excavated the earth received $1.50 per day. The stonemasons who followed received $4 per day, the brickmasons $6, the man who did the frescoing $15 per day and the architect $25 per day. The man who put on the finishing touches of beauty and the man who carried that building in his head before a stroke was made toward its erection received the highest prices for their services.

Work Along a Line You Fit.

The man who will find a cure for hog cholera will do the world more good than the man who can repeat Homer in the original. The man who can destroy the chinch bug is worth more than the man who can exhume a Troy or uncover a Pompeii. Direct your talents along lines that you fit and add something to the sum total of human knowledge. Give more than you receive. It won't hurt you, but will help instead.

A Good Supply.

It is remarkable how rapidly a supply of grain may be built up from a single four or five pound sample. Take, for example, a four pound sample of oats. This with ordinary care will usually produce on the average about four bushels. This sown the next season on two acres of land will, at a very moderate estimate, give 100 and sometimes upward of 200 bushels. Taking the lower figure as the basis for this calculation, the crop at the end of the second year would be sufficient to sow fifty acres, which at the same moderate computation would furnish 2,500 bushels as available for seed or sale at the end of the third year.—Dr. William Saunders.

Nut Growing.

Nut growing in the United States would be a much more profitable industry were it not for the insects which inhabit the kernels, rendering them unfit for food. This is especially true of the chestnut and chinquapin and to a lesser extent of pecan, hickory and hazel nuts, while others, which include butternuts, walnuts and almonds, suffer little or no injury from this source. Considerable diminution in the yield of many forms of nuts is also caused by the inroads of insect larvae in the growing husks. Examples of the first class are the chestnut worms or weevils, of the second the husk worms and walnut curculio.

Transplanting Cabbage.

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HORSE THAT PAYS.

The Drafter a Money Coiner For the Farmer Breeder.

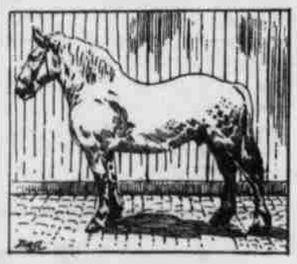
By RUFUS C. OBRECHT, University of Illinois experiment station.

Draft horses whose principal work is to haul heavy loads at the walk are divided into three subclasses, heavy draft, light draft and loggers, all of which are much of the same type. The ideal drafter is a rugged, heavy set, compactly built horse with great weight and strength. Strength and endurance are the principal qualities

OF SHOW RING TYPE.
[A choice heavy drafter, for several years a first prize winner at the international live stock show at Chicago. Note his abundance of quality, smoothness of finish, obliquity of shoulder and correctly set pastern. For hard service a little more depth of body would be desirable. Height seventeen hands, weight 2,150 pounds.]

sought and are best secured by the horse throwing weight into the collar rather than by muscular exertion of the limbs. The drafter should be a broad, massive individual with symmetry of bone and muscle, standing from 15.3 to 17.2 hands high and in good flesh weighing not less than 1,600 pounds for the lighter sorts. Since he does his work by throwing weight into the collar, the heavier the horse, other things being equal, the more efficient he will be. Along with weight he should possess moderately heavy bone with quality, indicating sufficient strength and substance to carry his body and not give the appearance of being top heavy. His height should result from depth of body rather than length of leg. In fact, as a rule, the medium short legged horses possess more endurance than those with long legs. He should be broad of chest, with a large girth and not cut up in the flank.

His legs should set well under his body, for if they are otherwise and he is very broad he will likely be inclined to roll, causing laborious action. The back and coupling should be short and the loin broad and well muscled, this region being the connecting link joining the propellers to the weight carriers. The hips should be rounding and smooth, the croup long and muscular, the quarters deep, the thighs broad, the gaskins and cannons relatively short. The head should be medium in size and neatly set on a neck of good length, with crest moderately heavy and well developed. The ideal conformation of the draft horse will vary somewhat according to the market under consideration. European markets, especially British markets, want a more upstanding draft horse with a longer neck than is demanded by American markets. New York, being a great shipping port, demands larger and more upstanding horses than



BUILT FOR WEAR.
[A choice heavy drafter. Note his compactness of body and smoothness of finish. Height 16.1 hands, weight 1,950 pounds.]

any other city in the United States. This is because of the large wagons used and heavy loading for the docks.

Draft horses are used by wholesale mercantile houses, packers, brewers, coal dealers, contractors, lumbermen and firms having heavy teaming work. They are in demand in all large cities, New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo being especially active in the trade. They are wanted for export, but during the past few years prices have been too high in the United States to make exportation profitable, and consequently but few draft horses have been exported. The supply is much short of the demand, causing sharp competition, and consequently drafters are bringing good prices on the open market.

For Corn Ground.

Nitrogen applied in the form of stable manure is especially beneficial as a dressing for corn ground. If corn is grown for fodder or for eating and canning purposes, the amount of stable manure or nitrogenous fertilizer applied may be increased.—A. L. Knisely.

Alfalfa in the West.

One of the principal reasons why alfalfa grows so successfully over extensive regions in the west is thought to be the greater uniformity of soil conditions over larger areas than in many of the eastern and especially Atlantic coast states.

There are occasions when the taking or giving of a receipt for a sum of money paid may seem to be unnecessary, yet it is wise to do so in every case. With the most honest and best meaning of people there is possibility of a failure to make proper credit for an amount paid, and unless memory serves there is likely to be ground for a serious misunderstanding. As soon as one receives a receipt or acknowledgment he should file it away in a place of safe keeping, where it can be found should occasion require. The saving of all receipts may mean the saving of a good many dollars in a period of years.

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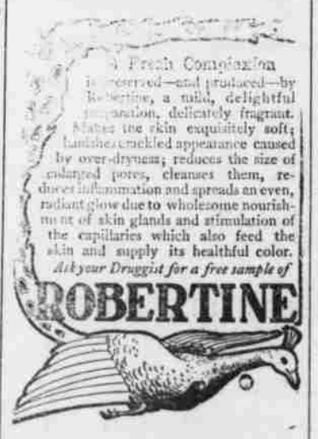

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