

Care of Work Teams

PERHAPS no subject is of more importance to the average farmer than the proper care and feeding of the teams that are relied upon to do the farm work; and as a rule, these horses do not receive the care and consideration that they should. A good horse used in commonsense manner should live to an old age and be in condition to perform good work at all times.

The essential requisites for a working horse are good size, quick action and strength. A high-spirited animal or one of great value is not the most desirable animal for the farmer.

What is needed is a good walker, as much of the usefulness and efficiency depends upon that quality. This faculty is quite as much the matter of education as inherited qualities.

Under ordinary circumstances it is judicious to use mares for working teams upon a farm. Except for a short time, the period of parturition and immediately after, they are fully as well adapted to farm work as geldings. They also possess the advantage of annually bringing colts, and in event of their being incapacitated by accident or labor they may still be kept with profit as breeders.

Horses employed for farm work should not be pampered, but should be fed generously, so as to sustain vigor and good spirits.

A team ill fed, and consequently in poor condition and feeble, will not accomplish much real hard work, and it is a waste of labor to hire an expensive hand to drive such a team.

The harness, and particularly the collar, should be accurately adjusted to the horse. If the collar is either too tight or too loose it galls him and seriously affects his breathing.

The workhorses should be fed early in the morning, and they should have a liberal feeding. The comfort and rest of the team will be vastly promoted if the harness is entirely removed at noon while they are feeding. Rub them down carefully and cleanse from dust and sweat.

Allow them plenty of time for a good meal and partial digestion before they are put to work for the afternoon. It is poor policy to put them to work right after eating a hearty meal.

CURE THE DRINK HABIT.

TO CURE the drink habit substitute sugar. That is the gist of the advice offered in the Journal of the American Medical Association, which calls the idea "a new and logical treatment of alcoholism."

The article says:

"When the body cells are supplied with a physiologic balance of carbohydrates there is no further demand for alcohol."

"At the inception of the treatment the diet is modified to contain an abundance of sugar cereals with cane sugar, sweet fruits, pastries, chocolates and ice cream are advised."

"In some cases, owing to a distaste for sugar, this change must be gradual to prevent rebellion. Here lactose is used, a gram every two hours, given in the form of a medical powder to encourage the psychic effect. Later, as the demand for alcohol is palliated, ordinary sugars are taken avidly."

HOOD RIVER SECOND WITH SOFT FRUITS.

OF ALL the fruit districts shipping through the Distributors, Hood River has been second in the quantity of soft fruits shipped so far this season. The Yakima Valley district leads, with 355 cars. Hood River has shipped 132 cars and Walla Walla 75 cars. There have been 140 cars of pears, 157 of strawberries, 53 of watermelons and cantaloupes, 46 of cherries and 185 mixed cars.

At the close of business Saturday, August 12th, the shipments of perishable fruits aggregated 650 cars, which is almost eight times the amount shipped up to the same date in 1913. Last year by August 15 82 cars had been shipped.

The amount sent out this year to date is approximately 50 per cent of the total amount shipped last year, although the season is just approaching the rush period. Total shipments last year were 1303 cars.

The usual increase this year is due to the fact that the distributors were

not in operation early enough last year to get some of the fruit and that the organization this season is controlling a greater percentage of the tonnage of the various districts.

Not a True Indicator.

Smith, who lived in the West, left his home town early in his youth. Returning after several years he was met by an elderly acquaintance whom he had not seen in the intervening time.

"Glad to see you, my boy," greeted the elderly one, "but you look as if you had not stuck to grape juice and soda water as closely as you should."

"You mustn't judge by appearances, uncle," smiled Smith. "I have never taken more than two or three glasses a day in all my life."

"Um, I see," responded the other. "Probably your face is like some gas meters; it registers more than you consume."

A VISION.

I see a sorrowing face lifted in a far garden.

I hear a voice upon a lonely hill—

I see uncountable millions of other faces

Of women and huddled children and helpless old people

And the pale, unafraid faces of strong men going to death.

It is the desperate rally of dying monarchy.

It is the last crucifixion of the rights of man.

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