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# JACKS, JENNETS AND MULES

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Upon request, I submit to you a synopsis of my observations in the Jack, Jennet and Mule industry. I am now passed the 60th milestone of my life's journey. I was born on a stock farm in Oregon and from childhood to the present day, stock raising has been and is now the principal vocation of my life's work.

My father was the pioneer mule raiser in Oregon and found ready market for his mules, which he sold in the Cariboo and Frazier River mining districts to be used as pack animals, for which purpose the mule is better than the horse because he is surer footed and carries a heavier load than the horse.

As I am writing these lines some of the scenes of my childhood, so dear to the human heart, pass vividly before my mental vision and I remember when a small boy, in childish glee and enthusiastic with hopeful anticipation, my first ride was successfully accomplished on the back of one of my father's Mammoth Maltese Jennets. He was raising this breed of Jennets.

Looking over the annals of stock industry I find that the king of Spain presented George Washington, "the father of our country," with a Mammoth Maltese Jack which he kept in the stud for forty years.

The Jack and Jennets belong to the genus "Equus" and are longer lived and more intelligent than other animals of this species; the mule comes next in the scale of intelligence. Some cartoonists who are ignorant of the nature and disposition of the mule, picture this animal as vicious and mean in various cartoons in newspapers and magazines. These "would-be" observers of the animal kingdom, would make a person believe that the mule is always ready to kick or strike, but as a matter of fact such cartoons are misrepresentations by artists who are totally ignorant as to the nature of mules. It is true that in order to handle the mule properly, one must make a practical study of the tendencies and characteristics of this animal. In order to instill trust and confidence in the mule, you must accord to him kind treatment. A mule never kicks except he fears something. Many a person believes that young mules must be abused and beaten into submission, but such a method is wrong and despicable.

Take for instance, a mule that is handled by a person possessed of fear, what would be the result? The person's magnetism on account of being tinged with fear, is of a negative quality which is attracted by the mule's negative magnetism, and according to the laws of Occultism, as two negative or positive qualities come in contact with each other, cause discord and inharmonious. The mule's negative magnetism repels the person's magnetism of like quality and arouses fear in the person, who, in turn infuses fear in the mule and the latter because he fears something is then liable to kick.

In the Northwest, the introduction of mules for farming and other purposes has been slow. The first mule I put on the market in Eastern Oregon was in 1880, and they were difficult to sell. I took twenty head to Fort Walla Walla, Washington, but could not find any market at that time, so was obliged to take them home again. The next year I offered the same mules for sale in a farming section, sold some of them at auction for only \$63 a span, called the sale off and shipped the others to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1881. In this locality they brought a fair price.

Since then the demand for mules has been on the increase and still increasing, so much so, that the supply is not equal to the demand. Mule raisers in the East are shipping mules to the Northwest and an average span thus bought cost the farmer on the Pacific Coast about \$500 a span and the eastern mule is inferior to the native mule of Oregon. Why? Because the eastern mule must become acclimated to this new locality before he can thrive and do his best work.

The Eastern stock raiser has bred for height too long and neglected to give the necessary attention to strong bodily qualities, such as deep and broad chest, deep shoulders, heavy-boned legs, etc. On account of this neglect on the part of the Eastern Jack raiser, our Jacks and mules are superior to the Eastern Jacks and mules. So far as the breeding of Jacks and mules is concerned, there has been of late years, some great changes in the East.

"The Stallion and Jack News," now called "The American Breeder," published in Kansas City, Mo., has initiated the Registry Record for

Jacks and Jennets which must come up to the standard of these bodily measurements around the heart; second, a measurement around the leg below the knee, and third, a certain height. If the measurement of the Jack or Jennet corresponds to that required by the Registry Record, he or she should disclose a well proportioned, symmetrical body, all of which is necessary for the registration of these animals.

"The Stallion and Jack News" published an article signed by thirteen of the largest mule dealers in the Union, advising the mule breeders to breed for certain qualities; that too much attention had been given to height; that prospective mule buyers wanted "less daylight" under the mules and better and stronger bodies, strong-boned legs, etc. I have always adhered to this standard of breeding and bred for constitution and quality.

The Maltese Jack is to my mind, nearer to the standard of perfection than any other kind. Quick of foot, agile of movement, with a well-proportioned, broad-chested, smooth body, supported by strong-boned legs, he presents a striking contrast when brought together and compared with the spindle-shanked, long-legged, razor-backed, narrow chested, long-headed and disproportioned body of the Spanish Jack that has been bred for height.

For years the Maltese Jacks which I have exhibited against Eastern and Imported Jacks, have won the first prize, second prize and sweepstakes. They stand undefeated in the show ring during the past eighteen years.

With one exception my mules have won all the first prizes. Some years ago one of my neighbors who worked two of my mules together with nineteen horses to a combined harvester for a period of fifty days, was surprised at the endurance and vigor displayed by these hard-working mules. While all the horses, each of which was heavier than either of the mules, decreased in weight during harvest time, the mules gained flesh in every day and at night kicked their heels as though they had not been worked at all.

Such facts instill in the mind of the public the preference of the mule to the horse.

We can raise as good a stock of Jacks, Jennets and Mules in Oregon as that produced in any other state of the Union or any foreign country. We have a good climate, a mild winter of short duration; a cool summer with few hot days which are tempered by cool, refreshing, and invigorating breezes.

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Our horses have been weighed in the balance and they have not been found wanting. The endurance of the horses of the Northwest has been tested in South Africa during the Boer war. They found no equal in Alaska. I have been experimenting for twenty-five years that I should in time produce Jacks that would sell at a premium over Eastern and Imported Jacks and the time has come when the people of Eastern Oregon and Washington are convinced of this fact.

Now, on account of age, I am going to close out this industry and have twenty head of elegant Jacks from three to six years old, and sixty head of Jennets which will go at two-thirds their former prices.

The Eastern Jack and those of Spain are short lived and have other faults. It is not my intention to find fault with good imported stock which would improve the grade of our native stock, nevertheless, I believe that our stock is nearer the standard of perfection than any other stock.

The stock raisers in the Northwest should conduct their industry on a more economical basis. We can produce stock for one-half of the cost incurred to stockraisers of other countries, or in other states of the Union. With these facts in view, I believe that the Northwest should take the lead in raising animal and agricultural products of superior qualities, which could not be surpassed by any other country. And, therefore, the Northwest will take the lead in the Jack, Jennet and Mule industries.

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