

COW PONIES VS. THOROUGHBREDS

Superiority of Either Remains Undecided As Result of Five-Day Test

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 24.—Superiority of thoroughbred horses over the cow ponies of mountain breeding for use on the plains and mountains of Colorado still remains unsettled, honors in the five-day test for speed and stamina over a 300-mile course about Colorado Springs recently being equally divided between these two breeds.

Norfolk Star, a thoroughbred, was given the Broad-

moor Remount endurance cup and first prize money. Rabbit, a cow pony, was given second place. Fox, another cow pony, was given third position and fourth honors went to Jerry, a cross standard bred army charger. Rabbit placed highest in stamina and Jerry placed first in speed but general grading brought them down.

In Colorado's early days the breeding of saddle horses was of

even more importance than the raising of cattle. Horses were the one method of transporting suited to the country and his horse and his gun were the most treasured possession of the cowboy.

Charging days and a new era of economics lessened the importance of both and the breeding of saddle horses was rapidly losing place in the state. Ranchers and sportsmen, becoming alarmed over the increasing difficulty of obtaining saddle horses suitable for Colorado terrain, quickly took up the plan proposed by Bryant Turner, owner of the Trichera ranch, of holding a five-day endurance test over Colorado territory as a means of arousing interest in the breeding of better saddle horses.

Although the old days of cattle

kings are gone, there are many needs for saddle horses of the better type in Colorado. They are needed in regular work on many of the larger ranches where cattle grazing still is continued. Countless mountain resorts where sportsmen gather in large numbers also have many demands for sure-footed horses capable of covering the mountain territory.

Of the twelve horses making a start in the contest, three were entries of the U. S. army, two were polo ponies, one a saddle horse of a New York society girl and the other six were cow ponies. Two of the army entries finished first and fourth and two of the cow ponies carried away second and third honors.

Many ranchers and sportsmen

judging the results of the contest, in which speed was counted at 40 per cent and stamina at 60 per cent, declare the thoroughbred to be due to supplant the mustang cow pony. Others, some of whom spent their earlier days in breaking the toughest for domestic use, declare that no breed can supplant it for sure-footedness over the rocky plains and mountains and speed and endurance in long rides.

The Broadmoor Remount endurance cup won by Norfolk Star will be competed for against next August. In the meantime it will remain at Colorado Springs.

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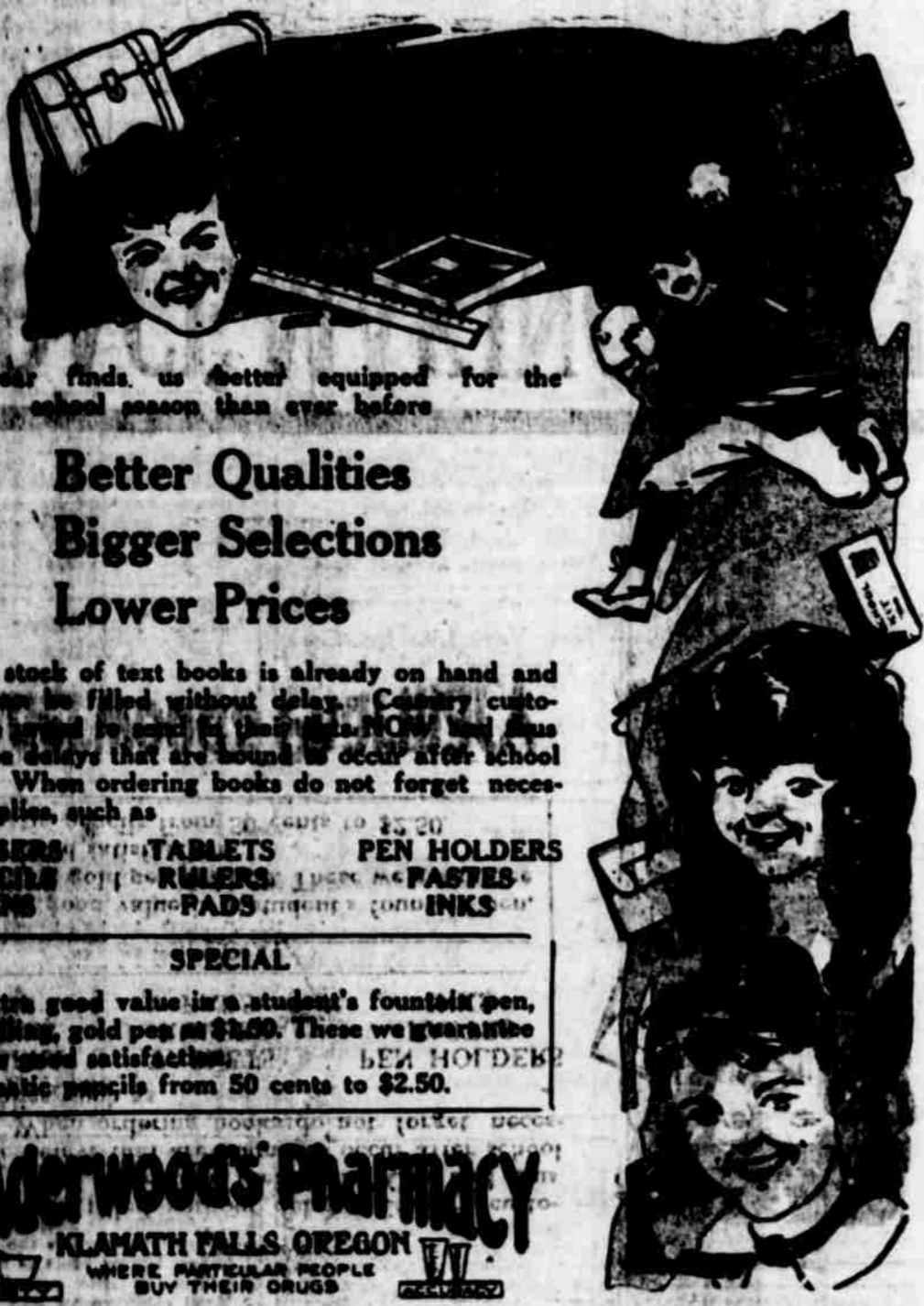
SMALLEST NEEDLE IN WORLD SHOWN IN NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Ancient Chinese embroidery work, far surpassing the finest of the present time, and which must have been done with a tiny needle much smaller than ever seen now, was on exhibition in Washington recently. So fine is the work that the finest details of the features of the figures represented were clear, the hairs on the men's beards, small muscles in the littlest figures, even the minutely worked long-pointed finger, nails and the eye lashes were so perfect that to be appreciated, experts declared,

they had to be viewed through a powerful microscope.

The smallest needle in the world, which is itself much finer than the thread, is now in the national museum here, yet the experts said, the Chinese work must have been done with a needle slim enough to pass through the eye of that needle.

The exhibit was a portion of the collection of Lady Georgiana Venzelinovich, wife of Sir Vincent Venzelinovich, senior Judge of the international court at Shanghai. The prize piece of the large collection consisted of eight Pahlavi embroidered panels representing the eight Chinese immortals, which included the minute work described. They were made sometime during the Ming Dynasty, more than 400 years ago.



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