

RAISE MORE HORSES

George B. Hulme Says There is Money In This Industry

When George B. Hulme, the noted horse judge, was in Winnipeg recently placing the ribbons on choice animals in many of the horse classes, says The Farmers' Advocate, he took advantage of an opportunity at the stock luncheon to tell farmers of the Canadian West that they should go in extensively for raising horses of all kinds, including army remounts. "In Western Canada," he said, "you have the best climate in the world, and an abundance of food and water that the horse wants."

This is just what many others who are in a position to speak with authority have said. Feed can be produced in abundance at low cost; for the most part the water is satisfactory; the climate is such that with reasonable care horse flesh is developed to perfection.

In spite of these facts, it is remarkable how few farmers really try to raise enough horses to increase their annual cash returns. Some will not be bothered with colts around the place; others consider that there is a chance that after they have paid the stallion service fee the foal will die. They have a sort of holy horror of anything that entails more risk than the growing of wheat. But there are men in the prairie provinces who are making money from breeding mares of the proper type—and they are becoming more numerous year by year. They have realized that it should not be necessary to bring thousands of dray and farm horses from the East every year. They have found out that there is profit in a horse at three or four years when he can be exchanged for cash totalling almost as many hundred dollars.

The horse raising industry is worth considering.

WINTERING FARM HORSES

How to Keep Idle Horses Cheaply in the Winter

There are three or four methods of wintering farm horses. Some turn out the idle horse and let them "rustle," some winter them in protected yards and others winter in the stable. Horses that will not be required to work from freeze-up in the fall till seeding begins in spring can be wintered as well outside as in, and more cheaply. If given a protected yard, into which a liberal supply of oat straw has been blown, they will come through the winter in as good shape or better than horses that have been closely confined and fed liberally on grain. An idle horse given plenty of good straw, some prairie hay, a few oat sheaves and water can be wintered in the yard at a minimum cost in labor and feed. Nature provides a heavy coat of hair, so the horse does not suffer any from the cold.

Horses thus wintered should have all the straw and rough fodder they will eat. Oat is the best straw. Corn stalks are an excellent feed for horses thus wintered. With oat straw and some hay no grain is required. Six weeks before spring work opens, light grain feeding should begin.

Colts may be wintered in the same way, but it is preferable to stable the weanling the first winter. Two colts in a box stall are company for each other, and if fed the usual rough fodder ration, and what cats they will clean up, do better than foals that rustle in the yard.—Farmers' Advocate.

CELERY HAS RUST

There will likely be a shortage in the celery crop this year. The recent storms have brought with them a rust known by growers as a celery disease, and it is playing havoc with the celery. Local growers claim that it was brought by the storms of the past month or so. The first sign noticeable is when the leaves turn red in spots. This gradually spreads over the leaves until they wither and decay. Then it strikes the roots of the celery and the root and stalks rot and die. Local dealers say that growers throughout the whole country are being bothered.—St. Thomas Journal.

FINE HORSES FOR CANADA

Nearly 1,000 horses have made the transatlantic voyage to the St. Lawrence this year. Mostly Hackneys and Clydesdales, the animals are to be distributed in a dozen different cities and towns throughout the Dominion. Mr. Robert Ness, of Howick, is the owner of twelve of the animals. Forty-four of the ponies are going to Mr. Sinton, of Regina, while Mr. Bogue is taking fifteen more to the West. All are bred from high-grade British stock and their coming will be welcomed by horsemen throughout Canada.

ORIGIN OF "GO TO BLAZES"

When Mr. Bodkin applied for the Bishop Blaise public-house, England, to be closed, he remarked to the chairman (Mr. R. Wallace, K.C.): "You may have heard of the ejaculation: 'Go to blazes!'"

"Yes," answered Mr. Wallace, "I think I have."

"Well," said Mr. Bodkin, "the origin of the expression is what the Bench seem to think it is. There was a Bishop Blaise and when anyone wanted advice it was the custom to say, 'Go to Blaise.'" (Laughter.)

JAPANESE BRIDE'S DRESS

White Worn for Part of the Ceremony But for a Strange Reason

Brides in Japan follow the same custom which prevails in the Western world, that of wearing white at the wedding ceremony, at least during a part of it. But the significance attached to the choice of this color is quite different on the two sides of the world.

The Japanese bride is dressed first in resplendent garments of white silk, the sleeves of the costume usually being about three feet in length, while the sash, an important feature, measuring about 11 feet in length.

But white, as the Oriental Review explains, is the mourning color in Japan, and the bride, leaving her parents' house, considers herself dead in the same sense that she will never return alive, preferring death to divorce, and in consequence wearing a white costume.

After the exchange of cups of sake with the bridegroom, which is the most important part of the wedding ceremony, the bride changes her costume to a red one. This is called *iromaoshi* (changing color). Red is supposed to have a purifying power, and perhaps clears the minds of the parties of all association of mourning.

This is the origin of the Japanese custom of using white costume at weddings, but many people in modern Japan do not any longer have time to bother their heads with these questions of color, and simply go ahead and marry according to the accepted custom, with no thought of what the colors signify.



DIAMOND STUDDED HEELS

The picture shows the novelty introduced in New York by Mrs. Charles H. Anthony, of Muncie, Ind. She was frank enough to give as her reason for having the heels of her shoes set with sparkling gems that she "wanted to lead; anyone can follow, but one who is first is a winner."

NO WICKED MARYS

We cannot remember any book with a wicked Mary in it. And when the poets sing their songs to women, they have the sweetest, purest, and most serious—sometimes their saddest—when they sing to a Mary.—Chamber's Journal.

A SENSE OF HUMOR

"Every time the baby looks into my face he smiles," said Mr. Meekins. "Well," answered his wife, "it may not be exactly polite, but it shows he has a sense of humor."

MONEY IN CLOVER SEED

Mr. Arnold, of Kent Bridge, last year threshed eighty-five bushels of Alsike clover seed off fifteen acres and sold it for \$6.40 per bushel, making \$544.

ACTIVE CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Ann Speed, of Heighington village, Lincolnshire, who is in her 101st year, keeps house for her son, bakes her own bread, and travels by train once a week to Lincoln market to display of eggs and butter.



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