

## HINTS FOR THE FARMER.

### BREEDING AND CARE OF HORSES.

The first thing of importance is to have the right kind of stock from which to breed. If you are thinking of turning your attention to breeding horses, you should inform yourself as thoroughly as possible, concerning the requirements of the market upon which you must depend when you have anything to sell. This will differ in different localities. There are ways some sections of the country in which the majority of the horses raised are of the heavy draft type, ranging in weight from 1500 to 1800 lbs. In other sections the coach horse, weighing from 1200 to 1400 lbs, will be most frequently found, while in still different sections, the lighter weights suited to light driving will be found to predominate. I mention this for the reason that I have always found it advantageous for farmers of any given section to work as nearly as possible along the same lines. If you are living in a community which has a reputation for producing a superior quality of heavy draft horses, dealers who handle that kind of stock will know where you are, and when your heavy horses are ready for market you will have no trouble to find a purchaser. On the other hand, if in such a community you have a light weight roadster to sell, you must depend upon disposing of him to your local liveryman or someone else of your own community.

Another thing is your own individual taste. All other things being equal, the stockman will always succeed best with the kind of stock he likes best, and as most farmers who raise horses to sell must depend on doing much of their farm work with the young animals that are not yet sufficiently developed to place upon the market, it is especially important that their own tastes are satisfied as nearly as the character of the market they depend on will permit. Never raise stock from either sire or dam that is unsound, unless it is sometime the case, the unsoundness results from accident and therefore not constitutional. In selecting your brood mares see first of all that they are sound, and to this I would add of good disposition. The size must be governed by the purpose for which the stock raised is intended. Select animals of good form and style. The heaviest draft horse, even, will sell very much better if he has good style and action. Select animals with round body, deep chest, short back, strong loin, high withers, arched neck, small head, slender and medium-sized ear, prominent eye of brown color and wide nostril. The legs should be strong and well proportioned, muscular as they approach the body, and bony and flat from knee to pastern. Avoid a flat foot. The bottom of the foot should be well arched and provided with a large frog.

**TO PREVENT BEES FROM ROBBERING.**  
Bees frequently do great damage to themselves and other colonies by robbing. The worst cases of this generally occur just after the close of the honey flow in spring. Bees seldom attempt to pilfer and steal during a honey flow, but when they become idle they are almost certain to find any colony that is not in condition to defend its stores, and will carry off all the honey that the hive contains. There is not only danger of the loss of the colony being robbed, but the bees become so enthused in the business that they are liable to fall on any colony and either overpower it sufficiently to secure its honey, or produce such a fight that large numbers are killed.

If we are particular to have every colony in proper condition, we will never be troubled with robbers, for it surely begins from the colonies being very weak, or having no queens. The latter is usually the principal cause of robbing, and this we can easily prevent by keeping every colony supplied with a queen, or if queens are not at hand, we can give these queenless colonies, a frame of brood from some other colony, which will keep them in good shape until they rear a queen of their own.

At the close of the honey harvest after much swarming, many colonies will be found without queens, from the fact that only a per cent of virgin queens become fertilized and get back to their hives properly, and turn out to be good queens.

We should thoroughly inspect each colony at this period, and find those that have no queens, and supply them at once; if this has been done carefully, we will experience little trouble with robbing. If a colony is found being robbed, it should be checked immediately, and perhaps the easiest and quickest method is to throw a large blanket over the entire hive, thus completely covering it up. Do not tie the blanket lightly around the hive but throw loosely over it so the bees will have necessary ventilation.

**GOOD AND BAD FITTING COLLARS.**  
Every horseman knows well the value

of a perfect fitting collar to the horse's neck and shoulders, and every horseman also knows the annoyance, irritation, and torture to the horse, to say nothing about spoiling an otherwise good disposition, or making a balking horse of the naturally true puller, by a collar that is too long, too wide, and not adapted to the form of the shoulder. The harness horse does his work "from the shoulder," and certainly everybody will concede that for the comfort of the animal, and value to its owner, it deserves a perfect fitting collar, and that nothing short of perfect adaptation of the collar to the shoulders and neck will be satisfactory to either horse or driver.

Every horseman knows that not one collar in one hundred in daily use is a perfect fit; many will do, but a large majority of them are too wide for the neck, and not adapted to the shoulders. Every horse should have his own collar to be able to do his work with comfort, and every collar should be fitted to the horse that is expected to wear it. If the collar is too long it should be cut off at the top; but if too wide and not adapted to the shoulders of the horse, don't think that you must get a pad to fill in the space. Pads to the horse's shoulders in summer are about what overshoes would be to our feet—makes them tender and soft instead of firm and tough.

Select the style and length of collar best adapted to the work to be performed, and whether a new or old collar, soak it in water over night before fitting it to the horse. When ready to put it on, wipe off the sur-

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plus water from the collar, put it on and adjust the hames at the top and bottom, so as to bring the collar to the neck snugly its entire width, and adjust the hames at the top close at the bottom, nor vice versa; but a close fit to the sides of the neck, so that the collar will sit firmly and not slide from side to side over the shoulders, but as nearly immovable as possible sideways. When the collar is soaked thoroughly it can be brought to the sides of the horse's neck perfectly; but when the collar is dry and stiff this cannot be done with any degree of satisfaction. When the wet collar has been fitted to the horse's neck, with the hame-tugs draught at the proper place, neither too high nor too low, then work the horse in this wet collar at moderate draught until the collar is dry and a perfect fit can be obtained. There is no other way in which it can be done perfectly, and we should never be satisfied with anything short of an absolute fit of the collar to both sides of the neck and the form of the shoulders.

## GARDENING IN CHINA.

Many Trees Are Cultivated Which Are Unknown in Other Lands.

Queer people the Chinese. If prizes for profitable gardening were competed for by nations, the Mongolians would have a very fair chance of being successful competitors. The Chinese do not confine themselves to cultivation on dry land only; they also cultivate the bottom of the waters, and in the beds of shallow lakes, ponds and brooks produce fruits unknown to other people. The water chestnut, the fruit of which is inclosed in a case formed by its root, is one of the most noteworthy of these products and is grown up in large quantities. It is very wholesome and of a delicate flavour, and is gathered by women, who tuck up their wide trousers, and wade above their knees into the ponds, where they grope for the chestnuts with their hands. As soon as her basket is full, the gatherer repairs to the nearest town or village, which she perambulates, crying her water chestnuts. These esculents are much appreciated, and meet a ready sale. They are prepared for food by removing the rind and boiling the bulb.

A great variety of trees, some of which are little known out of China, are to be found in the orchards. In addition to the peach, apricot, custard-apple, rose-apple, pineapple, pear, plum, date, cocoa, plantain, banana, persimmon, citron, orange, lemon, quince, guava, olive, pomegranate, and vine—the last mentioned being grown in many varieties—there are the litchi, the fruit of which is of the size of a strawberry, the stone being in soft, succulent pulp of a very delicious flavor; the lunggan, or dragon's eye; the wampes, whose fruit, about the size of a pigeon's egg, is much esteemed, and the carambolo. Of these fruits the carambolo is, perhaps, gathered in greatest abundance. In the autumn when the fruit ripens, the orchards are in a state of perpetual clangor, from the beating of gongs by boys hired for the purpose, and without whom the birds would consume more than half the fruit.

**CHINA'S FLOATING HOUSES.**  
There are to be found in China at all cities and towns on the banks of rivers and creeks, what may be called floating hotels. They are large boats of special construction, and are called Chee-Tung Teng. As the rivers and creeks may be said to be the highways of the country, these boats are of great service to travellers. The gates of cities and towns are invariably closed at an early hour of the evening, and should a passenger boat arrive at a city by night, the passengers would be unable to disembark until the next morning were it not for the convenience of these floating hotels.

There are also large boats on the Canton river called by the Chinese Wang-Lau and by the foreigners flower boats. These boats are neither more nor less than floating houses, and they are often richly carved and gilded. At night, when illuminated, they present a gay and animated appearance. These boats are the resort in the evening of citizens who are disposed to make merry. It is not considered decorous for a Chinese gentleman to invite friends to dinner at his family residence, excepting on the marriage of a son or daughter, or when honouring the natal anniversary of a member of his family. He therefore issues cards of invitation to his friends to meet him at dinner on board a certain flower boat. The dinner is cooked in a large floating kitchen anchored near. At such banquets there are invariably a number of public singing women.

**THIS WAS A FUNERAL WORTH HAVING.**

A scene the like of which has rarely been witnessed in Wales was the funeral of Alderman David Morgan, the miners' agent of Aberdare. Eighteen colliers in the valley ceased work at noon, and almost every man of the ten thousand people employed at the collieries attended the funeral. Most of them had walked a distance of five miles, from Aberdare to Mountain Ash, where the funeral took place. The scene—the procession being over a mile in length—was very striking, especially when the huge concourse, led by a united choir numbering over five hundred sang pathetic funeral hymns in the minor key so dear to the hearts of Welshmen. In the cemetery the vast gathering sang a well known Welsh hymn. The effect was electrical, and scores of strong men burst into tears.

**THE COST OF WAR.**

Some idea of the cost of the South African War may be derived from the amount of war material sent out. One hundred and seventy million rounds of small-arms ammunition have been dispatched, in addition to 880,000 rounds for field guns, howitzers, etc. To clothe our troops we have sent out 250,000 khaki suits, over 570,000 pairs of boots, 200,000 jerseys, 1,020,000 pairs of worsted socks, 400,000 flannel belts, and over 500,000 flannel shirts. Besides these, some 18,000 tents, 420,000 blankets, and 500,000 waterproof sheets have been forwarded.

## MAGIC AMULETS.

It is the desire of every Chinaman's heart to possess a pair of magic bracelets. Arm rings or bracelets are thought a great deal of in the Celestial Empire, the custom of wearing them having been handed down from time immemorial. Usually made of jade stone the Chinese arm ring of to-day is of one invariable shape. It looks like a large martingale.

The Chinese word for jade is ngook-seu, and for jade arm ring or bracelet, ngook-ak. The custom in China is to place the bracelet on a young man's arm just before the hands stops growing. A tight fit is usually secured, and once placed the amulet arm ring is worn throughout life. At death, if the bracelet has proved a lucky one, and if there is a son whom it will fit, the bones in the old man's hand are broken and the bracelet removed.

Many are the marvelous tales told by the Chinese of the wonderful qualities these amulets possess. There is a tradition that a certain Chinese Emperor, who was stricken with paralysis, wore upon his forearm a magic bracelet, which kept life in that member for many months, and allowed him to make known his desires and decrees by writing. At last, when death claimed the Emperor, something even more wonderful took place. Dead three days, and lying in state, his body was being viewed by the priests. The advisability of removing the bracelet was being considered, when the hand was lifted up and gave a signal which they interpreted to mean the bracelet should go with its owner to the tomb.

Among other wonderful properties a good amulet is said to act as a fairly reliable barometer.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH AN EGG.

Not a few uses are found for the egg besides serving it for food. Every housekeeper should know its many valuable merits and thereby be able to save herself much annoyance and trouble.

For example, the white of a raw egg makes a most satisfactory paste, and for some things is better than any prepared maulage or paste one can buy. Dip into the white of an egg the papers intended for covers to tumblers of jelly or jam, and they will hold not only securely, but will be as tight.

In making mustard plasters mix in the white of an egg, and there will be no danger of burning the flesh. The white skin that lines the shell of an egg is a cooling application for a burn. It is claimed that a raw egg swallowed at once when a fish bone is caught in the throat will dissolve the bone. A better remedy, however, is to fill the mouth with bread crust and swallow without chewing any more than necessary. Hoarseness is often relieved by taking the white of an egg that is well beaten with loaf sugar and the juice of one lemon.

Besides serving to make coffee clear, an egg beaten up with the greens before they are put into the water will act as a good tonic. To prevent inflammation in a severe burn or scald, apply the white of an egg. This can be done quickly, and will relieve the stinging immediately. Some people have difficulty in taking a raw egg when prescribed by a doctor. Break the egg into a cup. Be careful not to break the yolk. Sprinkle upon it a little nutmeg, add a few drops of lemon juice, some chopped parsley, a little salt and a dash of pepper. This will make the egg so palatable that it will not seem at all like medicine.

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## WHICH?

A young and newly-married couple were entertaining their friends, and amongst the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him extremely objectionable to the rest of the company.

His conduct, although almost unbearable, was put up with for some time, until at supper he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended humour he looked round and remarked, "Is this pig?" which immediately drew forth the remark from a neat-looking individual sitting at the other end of the table, "Which end of the fork do you refer to?"

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