

## On the Farm

Size of the Farmer's Horse.  
Neither the massive drafter nor the diminutive pony are what the average farmer needs. Being an average man he wants a medium-sized horse, one that will do farm and road work combined. One that will draw a plow, harrow or wagon and possibly a carriage or buggy, for the average farmer these days goes to church, pays some social visits and likewise goes to the country town, courthouse or post office every regularly writes Mr. J. M.

\$1,800 or \$2,000 pound drafter won't fill the bill for these varied requirements; neither will a 700 or 800-pound scrub.

The average farmer wants something between and between, I should say from 1,300 to 1,600 pounds, a team well built, with some spirit and drive, one that the owner of the hired man will like the reins over with a feeling of pride and pleasure. Let the large manufacturing concerns in the city use the huge drafters.

I knew a team of 1,600 pounds horses some years ago. One man drove them consecutively for nine months and fall plowed the same field and fall plowed. Both of these drivers were by sires who had a liberal strain of thoroughbred blood.

The did farm work regularly until it was hard, then they switched to hauling on the road. They were fine and staunch draft horses, were never known to get stalled but once in nine years, and they were never driven with a whip.

After 25 years of work each they were serviceable sound and were fit for life.

A look at my twenty-one years of record regular service and still able to earn their service. They were of the weight size and breeding, and, besides, had been well taken care of all their lives.

Kindly a young farmer this year who is starting out and the bought two heavy, awkward drafters, and a 1,600 pound mare of good breeding. He worked the mare in the team with the two big fellows and whenever he had occasion to take a trip in his buggy, always drove the mare, letting the others rest, still she held her own and kept in good order.

Too much has been written and said advising the average farmer to use heavy drafters, let him sell them in big prices and use a more medium-sized horse, a farce.

One year's experience will show him that he is right.

### Whitewash.

Whitewash is the cheapest of all paints for farm purposes and may be used either for exterior or interior surfaces. It can be made by taking about ten pounds of quicklime in a pail with two gallons of water, covering the pail with cloth or burlap, and allowing it to stand for one hour. Water is then added to bring the whitewash to a consistency which may be applied readily.

A waterproof whitewash for exterior surfaces may be made as follows: (1) Shake one bushel of quicklime in twelve gallons of hot water; (2) dissolve two pounds of common salt and one pound of sulphate of zinc in two gallons of boiling water; (3) pour (2) into (1), then add two gallons of skim milk and mix thoroughly. Whitewash is spread lightly over the surface with a broad brush.

**Test Year Cows.**  
A few of the many reasons for cow testing are:

It enables the farmer to eliminate cows that do not pay for their board.

It is a good cow from the shank.

It is an encourager of good feeding and good care.

It gives the farmer an opportunity to build up a good producing herd.

Increases one's interest in having a business rather than a means of labor merely.

In short, it is plain common sense.

**Very Much in Love.**  
He was a colored gentleman, but great and very much in love. But, great as he was, he desired Miss Johnson for his wife, he was so bashful that he, of course, did not ask for her in person, so he had to make seek to the telephone to make known his love. He then got up at the house of her employer and inquired, "Is dat you, player, and inquire?" "Yes," was the Miss Johnson's reply. "Well, Miss Johnson, I see you." "Well, Miss Johnson, I see you." "Yaaas!" "Will you marry me, Miss Johnson?" and the answer came, "Yaaas," who is it, please?"

The poor man wants food for his appetite; the rich man wants appetite for his food.

If a man is unable to boast of what his ancestors accomplished, he's up to him to do something worth while.

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