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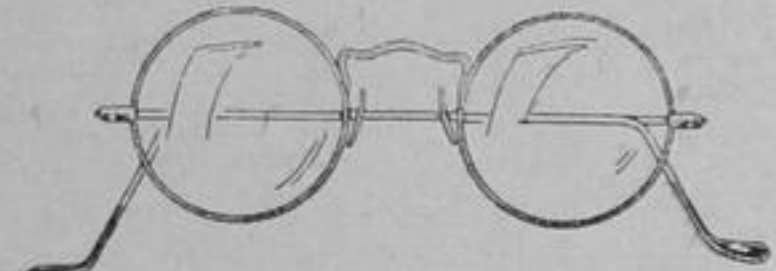
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SLATS' DIARY
BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—Bill Hix says his luck is turning vs. him he guesses. He sed he was in five places to-day enquiring for work and was offered to jobs and it kep him bisy making Xcuses so he wudent half to go to work.



Saturday—ma went and boughten a new evning Goun today and tonite she tried it on her self to see how wood it look on her then she wassent satisfied and she sed to pa. well I yam all drest up now I wish we cud go sum place where wood you sigest we mite go to and pa replyed and sed Well from the way you are drest Iwood sigest that you go a swimming. Ma got about 1/2 sore at pa.

Sunday—Doc Tyson is getting wirryed I gess frum what pa says. Doc is bilding a new house and now just when he has a lot of bills to Pay why they issent enny buddy getting a Penciltyus enny more and thats what he Depended on.

Munday—well we got are Test papers today and Jake and me and Blisters is a going to get Erl West becuz it is his falt that we got poor grades in rithmetick He says he diddent no we was a Copying frum his paper.

Tuesday—Elly Prate and Hen Pickens got married Sunday we herd today and when pa herd about it he sed. Well I think they shud ought to be Congratulated becuz I think they both got a Better mate then they Deserved.

Wensday—Pa was a telling ma tonite that he was proud if his self becuz he is a Self maid man and ma sed Well it mite of ben all rite oney he must of quit to soon intirely.

Thirsday—Ant Emmy was a going to have a X ray pitcher tuk becuz the Dr. ordered her to have a Xray tuk. But she has put it off for a wile on acct that rite now she has a ugly Pimpel on her Upper Lip and she dont want to spoil the Xray pitcher with a Pimpel.

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HORSE LOVERS OF HISTORY

(By Nancy M. Davison, Unionville, Ont.)

"Round-hoof'd, short jointed, fetlocks shag and long,
Broad breast, full eyes, small head and nostril wide,
High crest, short ears, straight legs and passing strong,
Thin mane, thick tail, broad buttock, tender hide;
Look what a horse should have, he did not lack;
Save a proud rider on so proud a back."

Shakespeare.
FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL the horse has been the greatest inspiration to painters, poets and sculptors, and Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon, greatest and best beloved of all dramatists and poets, was no exception. His description of the beautiful Hackney horse which did
"Excel a common one
In shape, in courage, color, pace and bone"

could only have been so written by a proud owner about a servant and friend—whom he had seen with his eyes and felt with his hands.
The Wars of the Roses having depleted the stock of cavalry, troop and other war horses in England, an Act was passed in 1535-6 in which it was stipulated that every archbishop, duke, marquis, earl and wealthy bishop must keep at least five trotting stallions; viscounts and wealthy barons three such animals; less wealthy persons two trotters; while every person who lived in comparative luxury and who kept at least one riding horse for pleasure, and whose wife could dress in velvet or wear a gold chain, must perforce maintain one trotting stallion for the saddle.

Living as the poet did in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, he, as holder of a Grant of Arms, would be compelled to honor the law put in force by Henry VIII and keep several stock horses on his estates at Stratford-on-Avon. I have no doubt that the poet had one of the finest of these trotters so beloved by the people of England for hundreds of years, considering where he lived, so close to Norfolk, the greatest center for the breeding of Hackneys.
The Bard's allusion to the lovely Jennet,
"Lusty, young and proud."

would indicate the ownership of some of the beautiful Spanish horses which had been imported by a former king and which are described as "small of stature, and in their travels they neede not be quickened with the spures."
The remark regarding
"The colt that's backed and burthened, being young,
Loseth his pride and waxeth strong"

is further evidence that this wonderful man did not spend all of his time in studying human nature in its moods and tempers.
History shows that from the beginning the people of England have been great lovers of horses, and that, when Julius Caesar landed on the shore of Britain in the year 55 B.C., he found a sturdy little army, very fit, and equally well horsed with his own proud legions.
The formidable scythed war chariots of the Britons, drawn by active horses full of fire and admirably disciplined, were driven by giant fair-haired warriors with their garments cast aside and their bodies glistening with the blue dyes obtained from wild plants. They cut appalling roads through the great lines of Roman foot soldiers, but, of course, were outnumbered by the vast host. Caesar was so impressed with their valor, their horsemanship and their horsemanship that, on his return to Rome, he was careful to carry with him some of their horses to mix with his own, also taking some of the British drivers to teach discipline to the Roman charioteers.

It is only conjecture as to what these horses were that Caesar admired so much and that were soon sought after throughout the Roman Empire, but they were quite likely the outcome of crossing the small, hardy horses, indigenous to Britain, with the Barbs or Arabs, brought by the Carthaginians and Phoenicians in their trading ships, when they came to the Island to barter for tin and other commodities.
The horses of England have been famous the world over since the beginning of the Christian era, and some of the most ancient British coins have been stamped with the kings head on one side and a horse on the other. All through the centuries the kings and queens, princes and rulers have been lovers of horses, and most of them made efforts to improve the stock, not only for military work, but also for hunting, racing, pleasure, riding and driving. Alfred the Great passed a law forbidding the export of horses from Britain, excepting for

Royal gifts.
The advent of the Normans brought a lot of new blood through the fine cavalry breeds of Normandy and Flanders, and a great many Spanish horses were brought in during the reign of Edward III, safe convey being granted by the kings of Spain and France for fifty stallions. These horses were mixed with the smaller English breeds to get the tall, bony, showy horses for the knights in armor, and it is said that the Shire breed are really their descendants.

Alexander, King of Scotland, presented, the first reputed Arabian horse in England, together with its costly trappings, to the Church of St. Andrews, which, to say the least, indicated a decidedly sporting tendency in both the giver and the receivers. Queen Elizabeth was a sport and a real horsewoman and was in the habit of riding among her soldiers, encouraging them to deeds of valor in the defence of England against the King of Spain. She loved the chase and hunted the stag on horseback when she was seventy-seven years of age. Charles II bred fine horses, and he sent his "Master of Horse" to Barbary to purchase both stallions and brood mares, the latter being the famous Royal mares, supposed to be the last word in equine blue blood and registered in the English Thoroughbred Stud Book.

In the reign of William III, the Byerly Turk made his appearance, and in the reign of Queen Anne and her consort, Prince George of Denmark, many valuable Arabian and Barb horses were imported, most noted of which was the Darley Arabian, the horse that did more than any other horse to improve and influence the light breeds for all time. This horse was foaled in 1706 and imported to England for John Brewster Darley, Alby Park, Yorkshire. He was the sire of the phenomenal race horse, Flying Childers, and Bartlett's Childers, who was the ancestor, through Souirt and Marske, of the famous Eclipse. Both Flying Childers and Bartlett's Childers were bred and owned by Leonard Childers, Esq., Carr House, Doncaster. From these famous sires came most of the thoroughbreds. But breeding was not confined to these lines alone. There were also the horses bred from the Spanish for heavy work; the Hobby, Jennet and the Galloway for women and for short journeys; but the real horse of the people of England for the army, the hunt, and the long journeys the horse that could cultivate the land and carry the master or his wife (or both) to town, was the Norfolk Hackney (or Haquenee, the name the Normans gave them), which name was adopted into the English language in A.D. 1303.

There were the horses beloved by the people for their speed, stamina, endurance, style, and their cheerful and docile dispositions. They were sometimes called Trotters for their great speed at that gait over long distances, and were often matched against time or against other horses for wagers or prizes, the ordinary distances being from six to one hundred miles (one mare being ridden one hundred miles in eleven hours), or the match against time being so many miles to the hour. Many of them could do fifteen or sixteen miles in less than an hour, Marshland Shales trotting seventeen miles in fifty-eight minutes on the Lynn road, carrying one hundred and eighty-nine pounds. He was a chestnut horse, 14.3, foaled in 1802, a direct descendant through the male line, of Shales the Original, Blaze, Flying Childers and the Darley Arabian.

George Borrow, born at East Dereham in Norfolk, traveller and writer, immortalized Marshland Shales in his autobiographical novel, "Lavengro," and the following excerpt from his book shows what the countrymen thought of this really wonderful horse, then thirty years of age.
"I was standing on the Castle Hill in the midst of a fair of horses. An old man draws nigh: he is mounted on a lean pony, and he leads by the bridle one of these animals (horses): nothing very remarkable about that creature, unless in being smaller than the rest and gentle, which they are not: he is not of the slightest look: he is almost dun and over one eye a thick film has gathered. But stay, there is something remarkable about that horse, there is something in his action in which he differs from all the rest. As he advances the clamour is hushed. All eyes are turned upon him—what looks of interest—of respect—and, what is this? People are taking off their hats—surely not to that steed. Yes, verily, men, especially old men, are taking off their hats to that one-eyed steed, and I hear more than one deep-drawn, 'ah,'

"What horse is that?" said I, to a very old fellow, the counterpart of the old man on the pony, save that the last wore a faded suit of velveteen, and this one was dressed in a white frock. "The best in mother England," said the very old man, taking a knobbed stick from his mouth, and looking me in the face, at first carelessly, but presently with something like interest: "he is old, like myself, but can still trot his twenty miles an hour. You won't live long, my swain: tall and overgrown ones like these never does, yet if you should chance to reach my years you may boast to thy great grand boys thou hast seen Marshland Shales."

"Amain I did for the horse what I would neither do for earl or baron, doffed my hat: yes, I doffed my hat to the wondrous horse, the fastest trotter, the best in mother England: and I, too, drew a deep 'ah' and repeated the words of the old fellows around: 'Such a horse as this we shall never see again, a pity that he is so old!'"

Marshland Shales did a great deal of good to the Hackney breed, as the pedigrees of the best Hackneys are full of his descendants, but chiefly through the dams. The great Hackney horse Denmark also had more honor through his daughters than his sons. Marshland Shales was not a remarkably high stepper, though he bent his knees well, but, as they used to say in Norfolk, he was a "thundering trotter" and apt to throw dirt in the eyes of those who, of necessity, came behind him. In his many trials as a trotter he was never beaten, and he was acknowledged to be the speediest and stoutest trotter of his time. He lived to be thirty-three years old, having spent his life in Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, contributing richly to the prosperity of these counties through the sale of his valuable progeny.

Marshland Shales had a famous contemporary, who was closely related to him, in Jarry's Bellfounder 55, that was born in 1816. This horse could also trot very fast, but, as he was exported to America in 1822, he did not get very much of a chance to make a great name for his speed. However, he did make a great name for himself in America, being the sire of the Charles Kent mare, the dam of Hambletonian 10, who is considered the head of the great family of Standard bred. Bellfounder was a direct descendant in tail male of Shales the Original. All the best show Hackney horses and ponies carry this same blood in their veins, and, while the blood of their dams has come down for hundreds of years unheralded, the sires can be traced directly to the wonderful Darley Arabian.

The blood lines of the sires of these Hackney horses had been carefully kept, but there was no authentic record of the dams until the nineteenth century, when the Hackney Stud Book Society of England was formed to preserve and record the pedigrees of these horses, which were declared to be of "high value and great use." In 1884 the first volume of the Stud Book was produced, with recording of eight hundred and eighty stallions of pure Hackney blood, dating from 1755 to 1881, inclusive.

With the inauguration of the Hackney Horse Society came the advent of the horse shows, and the first Hackney Stud Book Society's London Show took place in 1885. This show was a great success, being honored by the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales (Kind Edward VII and Queen Alexandra) and their family, besides an attendance of the public which much exceeded expectations.
At this show there was a grand total of one hundred and eighty-two Hackneys, of which no fewer than ninety-five were stallions; such a collection of all the best known horses of the day as had never been seen before. In examining the awards it is recorded that Reality, sired by Confidence 158, won his class over twenty-eight entries; Lord Derby II won his

class over twenty-five; while the mare classes were both won by daughters of Denmark (Bourdass), Reality winning the championship. The pony mare, Whitegate Britannia, whose picture appeared in the January number of *Bridle and Golfer*, is a lineal descendant of Reality through her dam. Great satisfaction was expressed in the report of the show regarding the direct descent of these winners from Shales the Original, many of them tracing, through both sire and dam, to this horse, which was described as the Alpha of all modern pedigrees.

It is worthy of note that the descendants of Confidence 158, Denmark (Bourdass), Lord Derby II, with the addition of Sir George (778), the great pony sire, are still, after over half a century of scientific and careful selection and elimination, the greatest prize-winners of the day. Denmark was the sire of Ophelia, the greatest Hackney mare in history, her sons Mathias and Polonius being especially prominent in horse circles.

The great champion harness mare, Seaton Pippin, who has held the highest place in America for five years and who was retired from the show ring at the last National Horse Show, was sired by Marlboro, a son of Mathias, while her dam was Phosphate by Polonius. Marlboro was imported from England by the late Judge Moore, who also imported another son of Mathias, Lord Hermoine, now owned by T. A. Crow, on Toronto.

Knight Bachelor, Newton Victor, Danum Woodbine and many other familiar horse show celebrities are of this same Denmark strain, while King of the Plains, his sire, Habrough Swell, Axholme Venus, Eastertide, Miss Freda, Gipsy Princess and many other harness ponies of the present day are descended through Southworth Swell from the great pony sire, Sir Horace, whose pedigree is a judicious blending of the blood of Confidence, Lord Derby II and Sir George, the last-named really being the great progenitor of the ponies.

To see the beautiful Hackney horses and ponies dressed for show in all their pride and quality, going great guns putting on all their finest airs, it is readily understandable that the choicest of blue blood percolates through their veins, and that they are not the product of a few years, but many centuries of careful and wise selection.

OAK RIDGES

The monthly meeting of the St. John's W.A. will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday of this week, at 2:30 p.m. Packing the Bale.

A Lenten Service will be held on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall with the Rector in charge. Choir practice at close.

Confirmation class will be held on Sunday afternoon immediately after the service, at St. John's Church.

At the A.Y.P.A. meeting to be held on Monday evening next in the Parish Hall, a Lantern Lecture "A motor trip in Scotland," will be given.

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