

Horse Comes Back

French Horses not Doomed by Motors, They Are Still Needed by the Army and Play a Large Role in Agriculture

Horses have been to so great an extent ousted by motor cars in large cities that one is apt to conclude they are disappearing entirely. May our children's children have to go to a zoo or a circus to see them alive?

In France and other European countries with large standing armies the prospect has lately been causing concern because of its bearing on national defense. Warfare is becoming more and more mechanical in the World War the cavalryman seldom gets a chance to prove what he could do; nevertheless, experts consider that for certain tasks in war the horse has not yet been displaced.

The spread of the motor car aroused the fear that breeding might be rendered unprofitable and that the Army Remount Department might in the future be unable to find the number of horses it needed annually. Government stud farms to supply the peace-time requirements would not solve the problem, it was said. Preparedness required that in the event of mobilization the Government should be able to requisition horses in large numbers from private owners.

Some tables of statistics just published show that in France at least there is no present need for alarm. Despite the enormous rapidity with which the motor car has conquered the horse has held on. If one takes the first twenty-five years of the century one finds that in 1900 there were just over 3,000 cars registered in France, while the number of horses in the same year was close to 3,000,000. Twenty-five years later the cars numbered nearly 750,000 horses numbered about 30,000 less than in 1900.

One wishing to analyze the position must take into consideration the fact that, whereas the horse was a long-established commodity at the starting point of the table, and had, therefore, very nearly reached its maximum output, the automobile business was in its infancy. That the automobile's development and consequent numerical increase should have been far greater than that of the horse is only natural.

But there is another and perhaps still more pertinent explanation. There was the war. The war killed 600,000 horses. That was a gap in the ranks that could not be quickly filled. In 1913 the number of horses in France was 2,222,000—the highest figure ever reached there. When the first post-war census was taken by the Army Remount Department the figure had declined to 2,635,000. In the same year, 1920, motor cars numbered 237,125. In 1925 they numbered 721,206, having increased in this short time by 297 per cent. But in spite of this remarkable rapid development, the number of horses in the same period rose by 245,900 and reached the total of 2,880,900.

The reason for this result is to be found in the fact that while the horse is disappearing rapidly from the large cities, country dwellers still prefer it to more modern means of locomotion. The French peasant is conservative. Also, the system of small holdings by farmers is not conducive to mechanical progress. With only a few acres to plough the tractor does not pay. The Government does all in its power to encourage the development of stud farming, which is supported as well by various private societies.

Ladies First—They were playing in a mixed foursome and Percy Plunkett was very much of a color. It annoyed him because he wanted to put up a "show" before the girl of his heart.

Busy Father—"First, realize my time's short. Secondly, say what you want. Thirdly, be short. Spend-thrift Son—"Firstly, I do. Secondly, I will. Thirdly, I am."

Bastow—"You're a lucky dog. They tell me you're making three times as much money as you did last year." Bristowe (wearily)—"Yes; but my women folk found it out."

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THE NURSING MOTHER Often Finds Herself Weak and Feeling Worn-Out The nursing mother more than any other woman needs rich blood and plenty of it.

HOW ABOUT GAS? Such is the report in a recent copy of The Mail & Empire, but the first thing that strikes one who has "ground-hogged" it in France during the Great War is "How about gas attacks?"

KEEP CHILDREN WELL DURING HOT WEATHER Every mother knows how fatal the hot summer months are to small children. Cholera infantum, diarrhoea, dysentery, colic and stomach troubles are rife at this time and often a precious little life is lost after only a few hours illness.

"Because I Tell you to" Ethel Peterson. He was about four, I should judge, and had come down-town with his mother on the street car. As they got off, he spied one of those machines that hold balls of gum, wrapped in black, red and yellow.

WELL DESERVED. Congratulations are being sent to Commander and Mrs. Maurice M. Witherspoon for the birth of a daughter.—San Francisco Examiner.

When Time Almost Files. "I have had so many troubles, my dear, that this year I have grown six months older."—Pele Mele (Paris).

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