

PERCHERON-MORGAN CROSS.

We believe this is the best Horse for the Farmer.

They read with interest the discussions regarding draft horses and common purpose horses as suited best to farmers. The best horse for the farmer is raised to the horses that will bring him the most money. I have heard at different times of the Percheron, the Morgan, Clydesdale and Shire. Of these breeds consider the Clydesdale the purest, having every fit, four feet, four joints and bad dispositions, the mares being quite inclined to be kickers. The Shires are better, making very good draft horses, but inclined to be slow.

My best success has been with the Percherons crossed on the Morgans. I have two horses, descendants of Old Justin Morgan, to a Percheron mare which I used to buy a yearling team I once owned. This weight was about 1,220 pounds each. I often breed these mares to another Percheron horse, their colts being a horse and mare which are now five years old.

The horse I kept entire, and a finer specimen of breed no one would wish to see. He has a close smooth, handsome body, long legs, and fine flanks. He is a fine, strong, intelligent horse. He has a diminutive, intelligent head, is gentle as a kitten, and the most active horse of his size I ever saw. His weight is 1,750 pounds. I sold him at 4 years old for \$200. The mare I sold at 2 years old for \$200, and her present owner has refined her. She has continued to breed, as above, and have sold my colts at 2 years or before, and have not had to advertise or take them off my farm to sell them for good prices.

To produce a common purpose horse I think it will be necessary to cross some common purpose breeds with some smaller and more active breeds. The Percheron is the king of light horses. The Clydesdale is the king of draft horses. Across between the two makes a model common purpose horse. They make the best of farm horses, weighing from 1,200 to 1,300 pounds, are kind, well-grown, and possess both style and action. If you want them heavier take another cross or two of the Percherons, and you have the best heavy draft horses in the world.

A three-fourth Percheron and one-fourth Morgan is a better draft horse than a pure Morgan. Percherons, for what they have, are more than makes up in quality. I am not in favor of a strict stock of any kind. Percherons are a cross, Morgans are not, and a cross between the two surely is not a cross.—Car. Dredger's Gazette.

Without the Henhouse.

Without a free use of whitewash no poultry breeder can expect to keep his flocks healthy for any length of time, and he is neglectful who can be attributed to the disappearance of much of the flocks in the country.

Enough remains to reveal that there are cities over one hundred, a mighty and prosperous people, numbering not less than 2,000,000 certainly, and probably reaching 3,000,000. Yet this vast multitude of human souls has vanished like the last leaf of a dream. Who they were, of what race and what their progress in civilization, or the most learned scholars of our time have been able even to conjecture. We do not know so very much after all in our time.

Some traces show a great system of irrigation canals which no modern engineer can exceed or find any fault with. There were cities with 100,000 inhabitants at least, but the names of those cities will be hardly known unless some old book from the silence reveals to reveal them. There are indeed remains of a gigantic volcanic eruption with ashes and lava deposits still in the bed of the canals, but this is only a hint of how the civilization was destroyed—not of how it was built up.

Trivialities in Journalism.

An American newspaper reprints from an English publication four columns of a small type of an article about Queen Victoria's dolls. The American editor reprints it but only a shade worse than the man who first spread the falsehood before the British public. The American paper picks the boots of royalty with a smash, and publishes the statement of the last living writer that "her majesty was pleased to review the copy of the article and correct mistakes in four parts, at the same time being graciously pleased to give every facility for photographing her doll." Why can we not have some photographs and a newspaper page about the Prince of Wales' hair?

It would be really inspiring if some could be recovered, saved from the trashy British raspberry-jam. The thrill that would go down the backbone of our great New York newspapers at the sight of it would be truly edifying.

They make very merry over personal journalism, with its friendly personal stories about our wife and herself, but when the country newspaper announces with all solemnity that Bismarck is keeping company pretty regularly with Susan Caudill how much is it really when the metropolitan sheet gives half a column to the story of the engagement of Miss Van Straten and Mr. Bismarck Knickerbocker Dutch? The country sheet really shows the better taste of the two for it intimates in a half-baked, plain way in three lines what deserves no more than three lines if indeed it ought to be in print at all.

It is the age of the trivial in journalism. A deluge of matter that is not even interesting as idle gossip is pouring upon a public without cessation. When it comes to describing a queen's dolls and a dandy's stockings or an actress' bed sheets the boundary of the merely vulgar is passed and that of the plainly entered. The true object of journalism is thread—information, instruction and entertainment. All these are helpful to the person who buys the paper.

If a thought comes to him that will make his easier and happier, that will assure him that he will win his knowledge of public affairs, he becomes the public's friend. It is not true that the reading public wants the contemptible trivialities that are now the fashion in journalism. The public would be glad to get and pay for something better.

A writer says that a man with a fine farm should rate from two to three thousand dollars a year. Anybody would apparently know that without telling.

One man says he has for numerous anglers will tell you who will be in the position to buy if you have anything but wood at the primary object. Well, you pay your money and you take your choice. It depends much on the locality in which the breeder finds himself. In places where mountain sheep thrive and there is a good market for them, go in for mountain. Another place wool will pay best, though mountain should never be left out. There is no occupation that demands so much downright gumption as that of the live stock breeder.

Horse Feed Systems.

You may a family lived on a farm in a little country town, where there was no railroad, and the nearest city was a number of miles distant. The father was very fond of oysters, and how do you suppose he managed to have some always "at hand"? He would drive to the nearest city, buy a basket of "real live" ones and bring

them back home with him, because was not all. They were then carefully packed in boxes along the cellar floor, where it was rather dark and cool and a little damp.

The most interesting part, however, was to keep them alive. Every little while someone would go down cellar and feed them by sprinkling them with meat and with water. One of the little girls in the family, who is now grown up, says she can remember how the system closed their shells with a snap after they were fed, but perhaps that was only in her imagination. Anyway, if this happened, to be forgotten for a time they would be found patiently waiting with their shells open ready to receive their next meal.—Harper's Young People.

Some Wild Names.

Two of the queerest looking babies I ever saw were sitting in front of a Chinese laundry. The little fellow, who appeared to be three and a half years old, was a combination of Irish and Chinese. The lower part of the face was immediately Irish, while the eyes, forehead and hair belonged to Chinaman. Upon inquiry I found that the mother of the children was a young Irish girl who had married a Chinese laundryman. The names of the children were Patsy and Dennis Mandoo Hoss. The family appeared to be a very happy one.—Harvard Post.

Prehistoric Arizona.

A fascinating interest will cling about one part of the exhibit of Arizona at the World's fair. This is a map of prehistoric Arizona, as the fragments which have come up show it to have been. The preparation of the map is under the direction of Professor J. W. Powell, of Harvard.

It will be the largest relief map ever made in any country. It will give a birdseye view of a district embracing nearly a thousand square miles, covering the valleys of the Salt and Gila rivers. Enough remains to reveal that the Indians were cities over one hundred, a mighty and prosperous people, numbering not less than 2,000,000 certainly, and probably reaching 3,000,000. Yet this vast multitude of human souls has vanished like the last leaf of a dream. Who they were, of what race and what their progress in civilization, or the most learned scholars of our time have been able even to conjecture. We do not know so very much after all in our time.

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The Ward Quarantine.

The ward quarantine comes from the Indian "quarantine." The monastic or late Latin term was applied by the Anglo-Saxons about Elbert's time.

It was then the custom to compute periods of time by forties and a vessel coming from a suspected port was prohibited any intercourse with shore for forty days. Others say that the Venetians first introduced the practice and the name.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

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