than thorough culture." Men with habits of close observation soon found that to produce the largest yield of berries, the clean culture was all important the first year, but no cultivation or disturbing of the surface-soil between the rows should be given in the spring of the second year, or not until the crop was gathered. Then was the time to make preparation for a crop of fruit for the following year, by a thorough surface disturbance, removing all weeds and grass at the same

which the fruit was dependent. The in-

evitable consequence of such a method

the other extreme, with the cry that

Strawberry-growers are sequently surprised and disappointed to find in the spring of the year, when the frost leaves the ground, that the "sools" are badly injured by heaving, from the

thaw an inch or two of the surface. The young, sound, and trew, watch the man chromos are very fine in execution and expansion caused by this surface thawing severs the roots, leaving the stools on the surface without hold or support, and, as a matter of course, such stools will produce little or no fruit. On clay ground even thorough drainage does not always remedy this, especially if the frost or cold weather sets in soon after a heavy rain storm, while the ground is wet. One of the important matters then to be attended to by strawberry-growers at this season of the year is to make such preparations as to prevent the possibility of the frequent alternate freezing and thawing. In sections of country where snow falls early in December and remains on the ground in a body until the spring fairly opens, there is no danger to be apprehended from surface thawing. But in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, the covering of snow cannot be relied upon, and artificial means must be resorted to for protecting the vines. The best possible way to do this is to mulch the beds with salt hay, wheat, or rye straw, and if none of these are accessible then leaves gathered from the woods will do instead. When leaves are used then a sprinkling of soil will be necessary to prevent the leaves The mulching material may be put on the beds at any time from now until the middle of December, or even later. It should be spread evenly, and in quantity just enough to cover the vines. There is nothing gained by putting on a very heavy mulch. In garden culture a light coating of horse manure will answer an excellent purpose. The manure is not practical in field culture, from the fact that the mulch is just as important in the spring as in the winter.

In March or April men go over the beds with wooden rakes, carefully drawing the hay or straw off from the vines to ward the space between the rows, and settling the hav under the leaves, to be left there until the berries are gathered. This summer mulch, in the first place, keeps the ground moist and surface loose, preventing to some extent the growth of weeds, while at the same time. the berries are kept clean and free from fine sand, which is a very serious matter with strawberry-growers who cultivate their berries on sandy ground, without mulching. In fact, on light sandy soil, summer mulching is ten times as important as winter mulching.

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Third,-Look well tu hiz eyes; see that he haz got a pupil in hiz eyes, and not too large a one neither; hosses with too large pupils in their eyes are near-sighted, and kant see oats, and have tu wear green goggles, and green goggles make a hoss look tu much like a trakt peddler.

side ov yure right hand; see that the spinal collum iz well fatted, and runs the whole length ov him from fore to aft-a hoss without a good phatt spinal collum from fore tu aft ain't worth (speakin sudden)-ain't worth a welldefined cuss.

Five .- Put yure hand on hiz breast; see if hiz harte can beat 70; squeeze hiz fore leggs tu see if he iz well muscled; lift up hiz before feet and see if thare iz any frogs in them-frogs keep a hoss's feet cool and sweet, just az they do s well or spring ov water.

Six.-Look well tu hiz shoes; see what number he wears—number 8 iz about right.

Seven .- Run yure hand along the diriding ridge ov his boddy, from the top ov hiz withers tu the commencement ov his tail (or dorsul vertibra,) and pinch him az you go along, tu see if he knows

Eight .- Look on his hind legs for sum spavins, kurbs, windgalls, ringbones, skratches, quittors, thrust, grease-heels, thorough-pms, spring-halt, quarter-kracks; see if he has got a whirl-bone; look for sum pin-hips; hunt for strains in the back tendons, let-downs, and

capped hocks. Ninc .- Investigate hiz teeth; see he ain't 14 years old last May, with teeth filed down, and a six-year old black mark burnt into the top ov hiz withers for a fistula, and look sharp at both shoulders for a sweeny.

Eleven .- Hook him to a waggon that rattles, drive him up to an Irishman and hiz wheelbarrow, meet a rag-merchant with cow-bells strung acrost the top ov place the surface roots of the plants, on hiz cart, let an express train pass him at 45 miles tu the hour; when he is swetty heave a buffalo robe over him tu keep of culture would be a small crop of oph the cold, ride him with an umbrel small berries. This, in many cases, highsted, and learn hiz opinyun ov these brought about a reaction, and a rush for

Twelve.-Prospekt hiz wind, sarch dili-"no culture and weeds was a better plan gently for the heaves, ask if he is a roarer, and don't be afraid tu find out if he iz a whistler.

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