

A PERCHERON HORSE FARM.

WHERE THE JUMBO OF EQUINE BREEDS IS RAISED.

Twenty-five Square Miles of Territory in Colorado Devoted to Raising Fine Draft Horses.

A Denver (Col.) letter to the Chicago Tribune describes the visit of a party of Eastern gentlemen to the extensive breeding ranches of the Percheron Horse company. The party left the train at Dixon. Conveyances were in waiting, and the party were driven ten miles to one of the ranches of the company. These are six in number—five of them located on the plains a few miles to the south of the Burlington road, and the sixth in Elbert county, near Elizabeth station, on the Denver and New Orleans road. They cover an area of about twenty-five square miles, and on this vast range horseflesh is supreme and the Percheron is the king. The drive across gave visitors an opportunity to get an idea of the extent of the domain owned by the company and the native grass upon which the stock is kept. Immense stacks of hay showed that there was no danger of starvation should a heavy snowfall cover the ground for any length of time. The fact was made known that never yet had this large reserve been drawn upon, and that as spring approached the hay had been marketed yearly, while the stock found plenty of fresh, nutritious grass for their consumption.

But the ranch and its stables were reached, and the visitors were eager to see that portion of the stallions which are kept there. It must not be forgotten that this is only one of the six central stations of the company. Here in a number of roomy box-stalls the great, handsome fellows are kept. Each stall has a portion of ground outside for its occupant, wherein he reigns supreme. Each holds a stallion, some jet glossy black, dark mottled gray and some a lighter gray. These are the only colors. A bridle was thrown over their heads, and they were brought out to where they could be better seen. When one raised himself on his hind legs his head would tower high above the tallest giraffe, and the party admitted that they were the Jumbos among the horses.

From one point of interest to another the party passed, and, sooner than expected, lunch was announced. While the visitors were at lunch the men were out gathering in a bunch of horses. On they came, from over the rising ground, and still they kept coming, until the corals were nearly filled. Among them were sucklings, yearlings and two-year-olds, and the forms of the youngsters all showed strong marks of their Percheron sires. These were prominent even among the quarter-blooded colts. As they were thus gathered in there was a better opportunity to examine them closely and see what the bunch really contained. There were some very handsome two-year-olds, and all of the younger stock are in fine condition. There are 3,400 head of horses on the company's ranges. Rosa Bonheur's painting of "The Horse Fair" gives an idea of these Percheron horses, but to see them in all their glory they must be seen alive, that their motion may add to the picture, just as a photograph may be a portrait true in all its details of form and feature, but the spirit and motion are wanting to bring reality before the spectator.

The inquiry may arise why Percheron horses are so specially desirable, and why should they be raised in such quantities. Where is the demand for them, and to what uses are they especially required? One visit to the breeding ranch will quickly furnish an answer to a host of such questions. The Percheron occupies the same relation to the working horses that the fine thoroughbred does to the racing stock. Graded from the colossal thoroughbred of his species, and crossed with the native breed, the product gives a class of horses fitted for all work. For heavy hauling the pure blood, from their massive size, seem fitted to draw any thing that can be placed on wheels.

The company sells no mares, but it is always ready to buy blood mares for its range. It retains all mares colts, and by constantly breeding it will gradually advance its vast herd toward the pure breed of Percherons. Five years hence its range will show great numbers of three-quarter stock, and in the mean time the lower grades will be marketed for carriages, transfer and other purposes.

The Megaphone.

The introduction of the megaphone on shipboard—a sort of telescope for the ear, or machine for magnifying the sound—is said to be a boon in prospect for mariners. Its design is to enable a person to hear or carry on a conversation with people at a distance, and it is constructed of two huge cone-shaped tubes, eight feet long and three in diameter at the large end, which diminish to an apex in the form of rubber tubes small enough to place in the ear. Between these tubes are two smaller ones, constructed in the same manner, but not more than half the diameter. By placing the rubber tubes in the ear and speaking through the smaller cones the person can hear and be heard at a long distance, and it thus aids mariners in listening for the sound of breakers, or carrying on conversation with persons on shore or on other vessels at a distance.

Tagging the Indians.

General Frank Armstrong, Indian inspector, who has just returned from an official visit to the San Carlos agency, says he found everything there in first-class order. He says that each buck on the reservation is tagged, and is required to wear his tag in sight. These tags are made of brass and in different shapes. The shape indicates the tribe to which the bearer belongs, and a letter of the alphabet shows to which band of the tribe he is attached. A number stamped on the tag indicates the individual Indian. On the roll his name is written opposite to that number, so that in the payment of annuities and the issuing of rations each buck is easily identified. When the time of settlement with them comes around, any Indian who does not produce his tag is sentenced to sixty days in the guard house.—Washington Star.

A perfectly petrified oak has been presented to the Kansas university.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The pippin was formerly the common term for the apple.

"The word 'moonshiner' was originally 'moonshunner,' the Tennesseeans say.

According to an old idea the bear brought forth unformed lumps of animated flesh, and licked them into shape.

An island in the North sea called the Monk has entirely disappeared, and vessels now sail over the spot where it stood.

A Nevada prospector, digging in a hole made by some squirrels, in which to bury their winter food, found a gold ledge which he soon afterward sold for \$35,000.

There is a small island just off Boston Harbor that is said to belong to the British government, it being outside of the boundary fixed by the grant to the original Massachusetts Bay company.

The largest university is Oxford, in Oxford, England. It consists of twenty-five colleges and five halls. Oxford was the seat of learning in the time of Edward the Confessor. It claims to have been founded by Alfred.

Miss Alice Fletcher, the student of Indian household customs, says that among Sioux, when one family borrows a kettle from another, it is expected that when the kettle is returned a small portion of the food that has been cooked in it will be left in the bottom. The language has a particular word to designate this remnant. "Should this custom be disregarded by any one, that person would never be able to borrow again, as the owner must always know what was cooked in her kettle."

The Bayeux tapestry is a wonderful piece of unwritten history. Of the 1,512 figures which comprise the picture story of the conquest of England 633 represent persons, 202 horses, 558 other animals, thirty-seven buildings, ships and boats, and forty-nine trees. The tapestry is 24 feet long and eighteen inches wide. The figures were made by Normans, and Norman women plied the needles. The tapestry was made to adorn the wall of the new cathedral, which was dedicated at Bayeux in 1077. Its value is inestimable.

How a Battery Captured Supplies.

The following war story is told by a Cleveland (Ohio) Leader correspondent, who belonged to a Federal battery.

We knew it would be night before the slow-paced baggage wagons reached Bowling Green, and perhaps morning before we could find them. The thought made the soldiers rave. Clearly something must be done to procure rations for supper. Far off down the road in front we could see a negro driving an ox team, making his way home, probably scared into an azure fit by the sudden appearance of the Yankees. It was the first time, the reader must remember, that the Federal troops had penetrated the South, and the many colored people regarded them with comical terror. The negro was making what haste he could to avoid being overtaken. At this moment a wheel ran off from the leading gun carriage and the first detachment halted, drawing to one side to enable the battery to pass. In a minute or two it was replaced, but by this time the battery had thundered by the ox team, leaving the negro half paralyzed with fear, sitting in his wagon by the roadside.

A hurried consultation in the detachment resulted in the sergeant giving it one minute to convert the oxen into beef. We approached the team on a run, halted, and while the negro still sat on the wagon with staring eyes, shivering with fright, twenty men fell to the work of slaughter. They worked like wild men for fear of losing their rations. In a minute or two it was all over, eight quarters of beef adorned the caisson chests, the detachment clattered on the run to overtake the battery, and the negro still sat on his wagon, gazing alternately at the hides, heads and debris encumbering the yoke and wagon tongue, and the flying artillery disappearing down the road.

A Story of the Borealis.

The place was the old Warsaw campground in Milton county, Georgia. The time recently. A large and seriously attentive congregation had assembled for the night service, the negroes in the rear of the pulpit, as was the custom in those days before the war. The preacher was a talented young man, at that time stationed at Marietta. He had reached a point in the sermon at which he held the almost undivided attention of the vast audience, and perfect quiet reigned. Just at that moment, when the interest was most intense, an old negro woman hopped over into the altar, right in front of the preacher, and shrilly cried out: "Hallelujah! the judgment day am come." Her joyful exclamation caused the crowd to look out from under the arbor, and, sure enough, there was a striking and magnificent spectacle.

The northern heavens were lit up by a gorgeous aurora. Not many in that crowd understood the phenomena, which, in fact is rarely observable from southern latitudes, and, not understanding, many concluded that the old auntie's explanation was the true one. "Ah! then there was hurrying to, and gathering tears, and tremblings of distress." Indeed, so great was the commotion that there was imminent danger of a stampede and that somebody would be crushed in the swaying crowd.

It was at this crisis a preacher, well known to Methodist circles, tall, angular, red-headed, with the voice of a stentor, ran out and mounted a convenient stump. "Be calm, my friends," he shouted, "be calm. This is not the judgment day, for how could the judgment day come in the night?" The incongruity struck the people with soothing force, their fears subsided, the preacher finished his sermon and ordered reigned in Warsaw.—Fairburn (Ga.) News.

The Reason Why.

Said Jones to Brown the other day, "My trade is very sick." "I must agree at least with me." "The world seems going back." "And I," retorted smiling Brown, "must simply say, instead of going back, the world with me seems rushing on ahead." Now why the world was bright for Brown, and for poor Jones was true. In Brown would always advertise, which Jones refused to do.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Cordurey jackets for young girls are popular.

No less than 18,671 young women are at college in this country.

The queen of Italy is called the best dressed woman in Europe.

Carved wooden beads of every size are used for trimming everything.

Tight fitting Norfolk jackets of homespun are worn with any costume.

Tucked and shirred bonnets are as popular as they were thirty years ago.

The Moravian female seminary at Bethlehem, Penn., has been founded 136 years.

Jersey jackets have plush vests, the favorite combination being cast brown with vests of golden plush.

The French colors were never more brilliant. Red and yellow in endless variety of shades are popular.

The new woolen scarfs imported as millinery garniture are very handsome, and elaborated will find other uses.

The English colors likely to prevail are as quiet and of the same tints as an English landscape under a November sky.

Dio Lewis says that wearing large, thick heavy boots and blue hand-knit stockings will improve a woman's complexion.

White and gold moire made of materials on honor, the warp of pure silk and the filling of pure metal, is one of the novelties.

The Swedish unglazed gloves still hold their own in public favor for many different toilets. For evening wear they have lace cuffs.

A deep, bright shade of red, known as "old red," is the favorite shade at present, and is like the poppy red which was so long popular.

Plain woolen goods are made up with sashes of the same material, with exceedingly fine stripes of chenille at wide intervals. The ends of the sashes repeat the stripes, but in greater breadth, alternating with fringe stripes.

In France there are several agricultural schools for girls. One of these is situated near Rouen, where there are said to be three hundred girls from six to eighteen years of age. The farm consists of four hundred acres.

Jersey stuff, which both in wool and silk has long played an important part in the toilet, has again received a new use. Woven in the finest silk, it serves as a covering for felt hats, and is so arranged as to allow a successful combination of both felt and jersey silk.

Mlle. Benoit, a young Vendean lady who lately took her medical degree, is now appointed medical examiner of girls throughout the municipal streets of Paris. It is the business of Mlle. Benoit to see that girls are not overworked, and that they get through their studies under sanitary conditions.

A high collar with waistcoat plastron attached makes a plain frock very dressy, especially when made entirely of beads or profusely trimmed with them. Sometimes these waistcoats are entirely of jet bugles with a spray of flowers on one side near the shoulder formed of delicately-tinted bugles. The bugles are of small size and very fine.

Hot water is an important element just now among fair women who desire to keep their complexions. They sip the water hot as possible, night and morning, just before retiring and on rising, for digestion's sake. They bathe the face in hot water and carefully rub over with a piece of flannel to keep away the wrinkles. This last duty is performed at night.

Sam-Jonesisms.

The following extracts are from sermons delivered by Rev. Sam Jones, the Southern revivalist.

If you sow whiskey you reap drunkards.

A man who will swear before his children is a brute.

The truth flows from a good man like molasses from a jug.

A good man is like a city set upon a hill; you can't hide him.

Some of you men have sowed enough seed to damn the world.

The gambler is invariably the son of a Christian family. Why is this?

A man who gets drunk will steal if he is not too much afraid of the jail.

Most of you don't care if your neighbor goes hungry so you have enough.

Live so your children may put their feet in your tracks and be honorable.

There's a merchant in this town who tells the truth, and he's mighty lonesome.

If you want to know what your neighbors think of you, disguise yourself and go among them.

The man who don't laugh never goes to heaven.

The most beautiful sight in this world is to see a man leading his wife and children into the gates of heaven.

Preachers know a good deal more about their flocks than they dare tell. It might endanger their salaries.

"Whatever a man soweth he shall reap," is true, both in the Bible and almanac, whether God says it or not.

Your daughter may be beautiful and lovely, but the first thing you know the devil may pack off a drunken son-in-law on you.

Laconic patient to physician: Caught cold. Physician: Take Red Star Cough Cure; no morphia, no poisons. Only 25 cents. St. Jacob's Oil cures pain.

The proprietor of a Western hotel has this printed on the bill of fare: "In Rome gluttony became so excessive that it was repressed by law. Bear this in mind."

FOR A BROKEN-DOWN CONSTITUTION the first thing that an American resorts to is what is generally known as a "gentle alcoholic stimulant." The only really reliable "Bitters," known not to possess baneful component parts, is WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS. It is the best remedy for impure blood, or for a torpid liver, ever yet discovered.

Other hunting with trained dogs is still a favorite British sport, notwithstanding that this shy animal is one of the most difficult to "preserve" in a populous country.

"EYE"

"Stand back, gentlemen! Clear the track!" shouted the police, and as the quickly-gathering crowd surged back, a man came up the street, the magnificent black horse striking fire from the pavement.

But hold! A wheel came off the steamer is overturned, and the brave firemen are picked up bleeding and senseless!

An investigation revealed the fact in oiling the steamer that morning the steward had neglected to rub in the lard-oil. A little neglect on his part had caused a loss of half a million dollars. The busy marts of trade are full of men who are making the same fatal mistake. They neglect their kidneys, thinking they need no attention, whereas if they made occasional use of Warner's safe cure they would never say they don't feel quite well; that a tired feeling bothers them; that they are plagued with indigestion; that their brain refuses to respond at call; that their nerves are all unstrung.—Frye Journal.

Ben Franklin's Watch.

Levi W. Groff, a typical old farmer of Lancaster, Penn., shows with pride a relic of over a century ago, in the shape of a heavy silver watch once worn by Benjamin Franklin. The watch is of silver and has an open face, while on the back is engraved the words:

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,
1776,
Philadelphia.

Inside the cover at the back is an old-fashioned jeweler's card showing that the watch was repaired January 24, 1817, by Thomas Parker, of Philadelphia. On the heavy gold face the words "W. Tomlinson, London, 1511," shows where the timepiece was made. Little of the history of the watch is known, except that after Franklin's death it was worn by his son-in-law, Richard Bache, who lost it in a Philadelphia hotel, while on a visit from his homestead in Bensalem, Bucks county, Penn.

Mr. Groff purchased the watch many years ago from an aged friend, long since dead, who had owned it so long that he had forgotten how it came into his possession. It is thought that the watch was presented to Franklin when he represented the Independent Colonies in the British court in London. Mr. Groff has a large number of relics of Pennsylvania. The watch has been in his possession nearly thirty years, during which time it has never been repaired, and still keeps accurate time.

The Water Wolf.

Pike have a curious instinct, which sometimes causes them to embark on land journeys in search of food and water, if deprived of either of these necessities to their existence. Mr. Newham, an English resident at Antwerp, in order to test this theory of migration made two new ponds and stocked one with pike and the other with small fresh-water fish, such as dace, roach, barbel, etc. After two days he had both ponds emptied, when it was discovered that many of the pike had traveled by some means or other from their own pond into that of their neighbors and had devoured the greater part of them. That these pike should have taken less than two days to think out their marauding plan and put it into practice is an additional proof that the water-wolf is at least possessed of a prompt and decided character. These Antwerp pike attained their end (and that of the small fry), but another pike on record came near having a different fate. He adorned the aquarium of the Zoological gardens. One night the glass tank in which he lived broke, and the water-wolf, not appreciating being left thus high and dry, was found by the keeper at a distance of twenty-four yards away, making for a piece of water. Fortunately for him, he was not allowed to reach it, for that pond contained the others, who would no doubt have greatly appreciated a morning call from a fine young pike.

An English traveler maintains that there are five other peaks of the Himalayan range of mountains higher than Mount Everest (29,200 feet), heretofore thought to be one of the highest elevations in the world.

How to get Strong.

Dumb-bells and horizontal bars, Indian clubs and the trapeze are valuable under certain conditions, but they are detrimental rather than beneficial if the blood is poor and this is pointed out by the use of the muscles, necessitates waste as well as induces growth. If the blood does not carry sufficient nutritive material to repair the waste, loss of strength necessarily follows, and grows out of the question. Purify and enrich your blood with Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" and then exercise will develop and not consume your physique.

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