

Farmer's Column.

HOW TO CHOOSE A FARM HORSE.

The farmer requires a horse that can take him to market and around his farm on which he can occasionally ride for pleasure, and which he must sometimes use for the plow and harrow. First to notice is the eyes, which should be well examined. Clearness of the eye is a sure indication of goodness. But this is not all—the eyelids, eyebrows, and all other appendages must be considered; for many horses, whose eyes appear clear and brilliant, go blind at an early age; therefore, be careful to observe whether the parts between the eyelids and eyebrows are swollen, for this indicates that the eye will not last. When the eyes are remarkably flat, sunk within their orbits, it is a bad sign. The iris or circle that surrounds the sight of the eye should be distinct, and of a pale variegated cinnamon color; for this is a sure sign of a good horse. The eyes of a horse are broad to large. The head should be of a good size, broad between the eyes, large nostrils, red within; for large nostrils betoken good wind. The feet and legs should be regarded; for a horse with a weak foundation will do little service. The feet should be of middle size and smooth; the heels should be firm, and not spongy and rotten. The limbs should be free from blemishes of all kinds, the knees straight, the back sinews strong, and well braced. The dastern joints should be clean and clear of swellings of all kinds, and some near the ground; for such never have the ring-bone. Flesh-legged horses are generally subject to the grease, and other infirmities of that kind, and therefore should not be chosen. The body should be of good size, the back straight, or nearly so, and have only a small sink below the withers; the barrel round, and the ribs coming close to the hip joints. The shoulders should run back, but not too heavy; for a horse with large shoulders seldom moves well; chest and arms large. A horse weighing from 1,300 to 1,500 is large enough for a farmer's horse; from 1,000 to 1,100 is heavy enough for a carriage horse. I should advise every one to get some experimental knowledge of a horse before purchasing.—Ohio Cultivator.

IMPRISONED ANIMALS.

Animals need shelter, but imprisonment is neither necessary nor beneficial. The horse and cattle stalls in too many instances supply only one requisite, viz. warmth. Animals are often penned up from week to week, in narrow quarters, reeking with filth which fills the air with a noxious effluvia, where little or no light can enter, as though they were undergoing punishment. Nay even the best accommodations that can be provided, are in a measure unnatural. Our domestic animals at the North, are natives of warmer climates, where they are accustomed to roam at will during the entire year. Every important change from this, their natural condition will more or less interfere with their best development. If abundant and wholesome food, pure air, and plenty of light be supplied, the benefits of shelter will more than counterbalance the loss of freedom.

Confinement of animals should not be too strict. Some amount of exercise is indispensable. The horse that is kept standing on the stable floor for weeks has swollen limbs, loss of appetite; will be likely to acquire the habit of cribbing; and when finally sold, will over exert himself, and then quite likely lay up for a time with stiffened muscles. Cattle become restless and feverish from long confinement, and will not lay on fat, or give a full flow of milk, without a moderate amount of exercise daily. A good plan is to turn them loose in a sheltered yard after the first feeding, while the stables are being cleaned. Animals as well as men enjoy a change of place, and with these their health and comfort are intimately connected.—Amer. Ag.

EXPERIENCE WITH PEACH TREES.

Ten years ago I bought and transplanted two hundred peach trees, which netted me two years ago, \$200. The soil was too rich, and they are now nearly all dead. Four years ago, I bought an orchard of 900 peach trees, and 300 apple trees set between them. These trees are now 10 years transplanted, and last September they netted me \$2000. They were set on thinner soil than the first lot, except in one corner where they have all died. I am satisfied that peaches require the same kind of soil that potatoes do, to prevent their rotting—thin or poor upland. Cultivation is necessary to fruit bearing. If the orchard be seeded, you need not expect many peaches. The kinds I like best, are; old Dixon, Crawford's Early, Crawford's Late, Melocottin, Smock, and Morris White.

The peach borer is an inveterate enemy, but "yellows" is the great destroyer. Perhaps this disease is superinduced by rich soil and common farm yard manure. I think mineral manures only are necessary, and little of them if the land is properly cultivated by raising potatoes, or other low crops—or without crops.—Cor. Am. Agriculturist.

FALL SOWING OF FLOWER SEEDS.

There are some annuals which do better when sown in the fall than in spring. Every person at all observant of flower gardens, must have noticed that certain annual flowers came up in Spring from seeds self-sown the previous year; and these often make very vigorous plants, and bloom a month or so earlier than those of the same sort sown in Spring. This shows that it is a good practice to sow some seeds in the fall. Of those which are found to succeed well so treated, we note the following:—Adonis, Double Balsam, Larkspur, Candy-tuft, Clarkia, Erysimum, Mimulus, Perilla, Forget-me-not, Portulacca, Petunia, Coreopsis, Sun-flower, Calliopsis, Drummondia, Delphinium ajacis humile, Escheltzia, Nigella Hispanica, &c. These may be sown any time in the latter part of August and to the middle of September.—Farmer & Gardener.

A TWO STORY MILKING STOOL.

"Something new under the sun" in the shape of a milking stool for kicking and unruly cows, is described by a correspondent of the Iowa Homestead. The stool can be made of inch boards, and has many advantages over the old fashioned one. First procure a piece of board of sufficient size to accommodate the milker, and have in addition room for the milk pail. This may be put on legs of about eight inches in height. Then upon this erect another seat or stool, covering half the space of the bottom one, for the milker to sit, thereby giving him a change in front to let the pail remain firm and steady, not liable to get kicked over, and by being up from the ground kept free from dirt and mud, and so close to the udder as to prevent loss from milking over, &c. If a cow is in the habit of kicking the milker, by using a stool of this description, can have both hands to prevent her heels coming in contact with the pail, which sits firm upon the front part of the stool, steady by his knees. He could in a short time effectually break a cow of the habit of kicking while being milked.

Horses with Roman noses are apt to be vicious those with white noses and feet, unsound. Hear the old jockey rhyme on the subject:— Ours white foot—buy; Two—try; Four white feet and snow on the nose. Knock him on the head, and give him to the crows.

Wise and Otherwise.

ROMANTIC LOVE SCENE.

'Tis past the hour of midnight. The golden god of day, who yesterday drove an emblazoned chariot through the heavens, has ceased shining on the earth and a black pall reigns over the lower section of our city. Nothing is heard save the distant step of a melancholy bill poster as he pursues his homeward way! Suddenly a sound breaks the stillness—it is the voice of Frederick William calling in plaintive tones upon his beloved Florence Amelia. "Throw open the lattice love, and look down upon the casement, for I, your dear Frederick am here." "What brings thee at this time of the night, when all is still and gloomy?" "I come to offer thee my heart. Upon my soul I love thee—truly, wildly, passionately love thee—Dost thou reciprocate?" The maiden blushed as she hesitated. "Ah," cried he, and the face of our hero lit up a sardonic smile, "thou lovest another?" "No! no!" cried Florence. "Then why not rush to this bosom that is bursting to receive thee?" "Because," replied the innocent, but still trembling damsel, "I AM UNDERESSED!"

BLACK EYES AND BLUE.

Black eyes most dazzle at a ball; Blue eyes most please at evening fall; The Black a conquest soonest gain; The Blue a conquest most retain; The Black speaks a lively heart, Whose soft emotions soon depart, The Blue a staidler flame betray, That burns and lives beyond a day. The Black may features best disclose; In Blue may feelings all repose. Then let each reign without control— The Black all MIND—the Blue all SOUL.

"Father, what does the printer live on?" "Why, child?" "Because you said you hadn't paid him for two years, and you still take the paper?" "Wife, put that child to bed; he's an everlasting talker!"

PUN UPON PUN.—Stange, Moore and Wright, the notorious painters, were on a certain occasion, dining together, when Moore observed— "There is but one knave among us, and that's Strange!" "Oh, no," said Wright, "there is one Moore!" "Ay," said Strange, "that's Wright!"

A SMART SCHOLAR.—"Toby, what did the Israelites do when they crossed the Red sea?" "I don't know, ma'am, but I guess they dried themselves!"

It has been said that many young ladies, for the first year after their marriage, can never look at one of their own sex without a peculiar sort of expression on their countenance of a compassionate curiosity, arising out of a conscious superiority, as much as to say, "Are you a married woman?"

An Irish miller, who had held some petty military command, was observed one day coming in to a town with a cart loaded with sacks of flour— "Ho!" cried a wag of the place, "there comes Marshal Saxe with the flower of Tipperary."

He would be prophetic down South lately said in one of his sermons that he "was sent to redeem the world and all things!" Whereupon a native pulled out a confederate shiplaster and asked him to fork over the specie for it.

A duel was fought in Mississippi by S. K. Knott and A. W. Shott. The result was, Knott was shot, and Shott was not. In those circumstances, we would rather be Shott than Knott.

Epitaph on a Tailor. To man nor woman, boy nor maid, Death ne'er has proved a jailor; But wouldst thou know who here is laid? Why, reader, 'tis a tailor!

And though 'tis strange with death to jeer, Deny the truth who can, If, when eight more are buried here, We'll say—"Here lies a man."

Epigram on a Lady who Squinted. If ancient poets Argus prize, Who boasted of an hundred eyes; Sure greater praise to her is due Who looks a hundred ways with two.

A boy who asked a Boston police officer for shelter in the station house, said:—"See, Captain, first my father died, and then my mother married again, and then my mother died, and my father married again, and somehow or other I don't seem to have no parents at all, nor no home, nor no nothing!"

An eminent divine preached one Sunday morning from the text—"We are the children of the devil," and in the afternoon by a funny coincidence from the words, "Children obey your parents."

When Kate was a very little girl, her father found her chubby hands full of the blossoms of a beautiful tea-rose; "My dear," said he, "didn't I tell you not to pick one of these flowers without leave?" "Yes, papa," said Kate, innocently, "but all these had leaves!"

The following appeared on a letter from a soldier, addressed to a young lady not many miles from this place: Soldier's letter, my dear! Hard tack in place of bread. Postmaster, shove this thro'! I've nary stamp, but seven months due.

SCHOOL HOUSE INCIDENT.—Master—Spell castigate. Boy—Cas-t-i-gate, castigate. MASTER—Very well, what is the definition? Boy—Don't remember, sir. MASTER—If you had an ugly horse, what would you do with him? Boy—I would swap him away the first chance I got.

Young women should set good examples, for young men are always following them.

LIFE at a lottery; but he who draws many corks won't be likely to draw much else.

Why is a bird a greedy creature?—Because it never eats less than a peck.

In the interchange of iron and leaden compliments between soldiers, it is thought more blessed to give than receive.

The word starch may be transposed into thirteen separate and distinct words. Try it.

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