



HORSES.

Market Livelier Than It Ever Was For the Right Kind.

When the horse market became so utterly lifeless three years ago, it was merely a protest against the sort of stock farmers and breeders were pouring into the cities for sale.

Today when the worthless stock has been mostly wadded into the place wherever it is that dead horses go to, the market has suddenly revived.

It is not enough, either, as it was a dozen years ago, for a rich family to have just one pair of carriage horses.

Again, there is the combined light driver and saddle, now so much in demand. Kentuckians and Virginians have at last succeeded in persuading fashionable society that a suitable horse can be trained equally well for light driving or for the saddle.



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the pony, which ladies and children drive, likewise the tandem pair or trio, lighter, more slender and perhaps even more showy than the heavy carriage horse.

All these, often several more, now find place in the stables of the rich city family. It will be seen that the varieties of horse are increasing and differentiating rapidly.

Special horses for special purposes are the need now. The farmer and breeder who will study the varieties called for and turn their attention to a few lines of specially fine animals will get more money out of horses today than they



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ever did. But this let them remember: A hundredfold as much knowledge and care are required to do it than were essential to the raising of the horse nightmares, so to speak, that used to disfigure American roads and markets.

How to Feed Corn Fodder.

Corn fodder loses some of its valuable constituents when left exposed in shocks in the field. It also loses some by heating when put in a silo. It requires about half as much power to cut cornstalks when green as to cut them when dried.

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DOES NOT FEED HAY.

Feed Cutter One of the Best Investments He Ever Made.

Now, it may not be credited by everybody, but it is a fact that we may keep our entire stock upon the farm through the winter in good condition without a spear of hay.

One of the very best investments I ever made was when I bought a feed cutter. I got a big one and found a secondhand sweep horsepower (which I bought of a man who had replaced it with an engine to run his thrashing machine) for \$15.

We husk out the corn, then through the winter cut the stalks as we need them, a week or two ahead. This machine has a splitter as well as a cutter, and the stalks are so fine that there is very little waste.

Now let me tell you exactly how we feed these cut stalks. We have a place fixed in one corner of our granary in the cow barn, where the floor and siding are made of matched stuff, where we spread enough of the cut stalks to make a feeding, in layers with the ground feed, consisting of gluten meal and bran. This is moistened and show-

eled over until mixed thoroughly, then packed solidly, covered closely and left for 12 to 24 hours. We generally keep two feeds ahead. It is warm when fed, and the cows eat it greedily. The cut stalks, without the moistening and mixing, are fed to calves (after the first few weeks), colts and sometimes to the horses. The latter as a rule have bright cut straw and a grain ration composed of bran, ground oats and corn with the cob. A painful of this, three times a day, keeps them in good order until spring, when we feed hay as better adapted to hard labor.

My methods may not suit everybody, probably not many. We do not expect it, but I believe if more attention were paid to the feeding much might be saved the farmer by way of marketable products without in the least injuring his stock. My young cattle are fed on barley straw and two quarts a day of grain, consisting of bran, ground corn and cob, with sometimes a small proportion of oats or barley.

There is an increasing taste among pork consumers for lean meat. The Essex and Berkshire grow a good share of this. The Poland-China and the Duroc-Jersey make heavy growth and fatten quickly for the packers' market.

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CHRIST CHILD LEGENDS.

Beasts and Birds Have a Prominent Place in Christmas Lore.

The story of the hunting of the wren in the isle of Man every Christmas is well known. She is known as Our Lady's hen, God's chicken, Christ's bird, because she was present at Christ's birth, brought moss and feathers to cover the Holy Babe and made a nest in his cradle.

In France the cuckoo was believed to have flown from a Christmas log.

A Latin poem of the middle ages tells that the crossbill hatches her eggs at Christmas and her young birds fly off in their full plumage at Easter.

The Mohammedans have many legends of Isa, or Jesus. One tells that when he was 7 years old he and his companions made birds and beasts of clay, and Isa proved his superiority by making his fly and walk as he commanded.

In the Tyrol they say the ravens used to have snow white plumage, but one day Jesus wanted to drink at a stream, and they splashed and so befouled the water that he could not, so he said, "Ungrateful birds, you are proud of your snow white feathers, but they shall become black and remain so until the judgment day."

A Russian legend tells that the horse flesh is considered unclean because when Christ lay in his manger the horse ate the hay from under his bed, but the ox would not and brought back on his horns to replace what the horse ate.

The Britons believe that the ox and the ass talk together between 11 and 12 o'clock every Christmas eve.

In Germany the cattle kneel in their stalls at that hour. Another version says they stand up.

The ass and the cow are sacred because they breathed upon the Holy Babe in his stall.

The ass is the most sure footed of animals because he carried the holy family to Egypt by night. He has had a cross on his back ever since.

Old women used to sprinkle holy water on the ass and the cow to drive away disease.

Bees are said to buzz in their hives at the exact hour of our Saviour's birth.

In north Germany the version of the man in the moon is thus told: One Christmas eve a peasant greatly desired cabbage, but as he had none in his own garden he stole from his neighbor. Just as he filled his basket the Christ Child rode by on his white horse and said, "Because thou has stolen on Christmas eve thou shalt sit in the moon with thy cabbage basket." And there he still sits.—Philadelphia Ledger.

CHRISTMAS GIVING.

A Custom That Comes From the Three Wise Men Who Followed the Star.

Of course you need not be told of the origin of presenting gifts at this season of the year. The three wise men who followed the star until it remained stationary over the stable in Bethlehem, and who, entering the hovel wherein were the cow and the ass, knelt down before the beautiful Babe in the manger, placed before him presents of myrrh, frankincense and gold. Their example is the example that you follow today, 1,895 years after the Magi made oblation to the Child Jesus, and when you place presents before the little ones who are made in the image of the Divine Babe you are doing what was done by the eastern kings, but remember that to carry out their example to the full the babes in the mangers, the little ones in hovels, must not be forgotten.

Most of our Christmas customs come from the German. Kris Kringle is a legendary myth whose origin is involved in much doubt. Formerly in the small villages of Germany the presents made by all the parents were sent to some one person, who, in high buskins, a white robe, a mask and an enormous wax wig, and known as Knecht Rupert, went from house to house. He was received by the parents with great reverence, and, calling for the children, presented the gifts to them according to the accounts of their conduct received from the parents. It appears as highly probable that this custom gave rise to our present innumerable legends about Santa Claus.—Philadelphia Times.

Christmas Weather.

In a note following some quotations regarding Christmas and winter weather the author of an old London publication says, "These prognostics of weather, etc., I look upon as altogether uncertain, and were they narrowly observed would as often miss as hit."

Heap on more wood. The wind is chill, But, let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our merry Christmas still.—Walter Scott.

Let, now is come our joyful feast! Let every man be jolly. Each room with ivy leaves is dressed And every post with holly.—Withers.

Fee little children every where. A joyous season still we make. We bring our precious gifts to them, Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.—Phoebe Cary.

How, angels of battle, the marches of peace! East, west, north and south let the long quarrel cease. Sing the song of great joy that the angels to us.—Whittier.

Again at Christmas did we weave. The holy round the Christmas hearth. The silent snow possessed the earth.—Yeats.

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AN IMPRESSIVE TRAIT.

A Queer Man Who Made a Friend by Respect for His Mother.

During my bohemian days it occurred that I sat in an uptown cafe with the sort of a man whom this incident will reveal.

A wild-looking, unkempt chap, gaunt, shabby, with a four days' growth of beard, rushed in, looked wildly around and then hurried over to my companion and took him aside.

As a result of their conversation the man with me turned to me and said in a whisper:

"I am going to ask you to loan me \$2, but don't you do it." Then he asked me and I refused the loan, and the gaunt man went unsteadily out.

"Queer duck, that," said the man at the table with me; "always getting into scrapes, taking out opera companies and leaving them stranded. The last scrape he got into was in Montreal. He telegraphed home: 'I am in jail on a technicality, but don't tell mother.' That struck me as very funny, 'Don't tell mother.' But he was always an ill-balanced ass, anyway."

Now that thoughtfulness of his mother in the young man who wanted to borrow \$2 struck me as a rather deserving trait, and I left my companion abruptly and followed him out.

I saw enough of him to convince me that he was not a man of business, and not even an admirable character. However, I loaned him the \$2. Since then he has been considerably in the public view in many ups and downs.

But he is now the impresario of a lot of continental stars. I wish him well. Like Mark Twain I love a man who never shakes his mother. This one's name is Robert Grau.

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