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Growing Opposition to the Use of Birds' Wings and Plumage Creates a Demand for the Lacy Seaweed.

Seaweed would at first seem rather a commonplace and unsuitable ma-



A Seaweed Harvester.

terial with which to trim hats. Indeed, there is only one variety that is at present used to any great extent for this purpose. Some years ago seaweed attained a widespread popularity, especially in England, and became very fashionable, so much so that the demand far exceeded the supply, which is at all times strictly limited, for though the harvest time lasts from October until the beginning of April, the entire amount collected annually for commercial purposes is only some 20 or 30 tons.

The Isle of Grain is the home of the seaweed harvesters. The "weed," as it is known locally, is not cultivated in any way, but drifts ashore and is picked up on the beach and foreshore at low tide. Exactly where it comes from does not seem to have been definitely ascertained. Some of the inhabitants are of opinion that it grows in the deep waters of the North sea, and others think that its native place is in the shallow waters of the Thames estuary. Be that as it may, the Island of Grain is the only part of

the coast upon which it comes ashore in marketable quantities.

Harvesting the weed provides a precarious and uncertain employment for practically the whole poorer class population of the island. Each gathers for him or herself independently, and disposes of the result to dealers, who in turn forward it to London and foreign houses. A northerly gale brings most seaweed ashore, and a single gleaner has been known to pick up half a hundredweight in a morning. At other times when the wind is in the wrong direction, none will come in for days. The present market price of the partially dried seaweed, from which all rubbish has been removed, is about 12 cents per pound. It must be remembered, however, that the weed is extremely light and feathery.

Queen Alexandra, of England, whose antipathy to the ruthless destruction of birds for the sake of their plumage is so well known, has done much to bring seaweed back into popular favor as an adornment for hats by recently purchasing a quantity for that purpose. When skillfully blended and artistically arranged in combination with artificial flowers, the fairy sprays of this slender and charming seaweed are capable of producing exceptionally fine effects. In fact, hats so trimmed form quite a feature of some



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of the famous London establishments at the present time, and bid fair to become increasingly popular in the near future. B. J. HYDE.

**MILK-FED HORSES.**

NEW SYSTEM OF RAISING RACE HORSES MAY DO WONDERS.

American at Paris Named Hatmaker Rearing a Colt on New Diet—Remarkable Development the Horse Shows.

Milk-fed chickens bring the highest prices as a table delicacy, and milk-fed horses bid fair to win the most stakes on the race track. An important scientific experiment is being tried by James R. Hatmaker, an American residing in Paris, and he has established the fact that colts

of liquid milk. When the water of liquid milk is evaporated instantaneously upon cylinders heated in excess of 212 degrees Fahrenheit, as it now done in all countries, the nutritive milk solids are obtained in the form of a beautiful white powder which is known as dry milk or milk-powder. Owing to the high heat of the drying cylinders all germs that are present in the liquid milk are destroyed and the milk is robbed of its dangers and made a perfectly safe, solid food.

What gave Mr. Hatmaker the idea that thoroughbred colts could be advantageously reared on this dry milk was the fact that children fed upon it and grew and developed much more rapidly than upon any other food. He, therefore, concluded that if a colt could be fed upon it it would reach development much earlier than colts fed in the ordinary way, and that he might get a horse with the physical development of a three-year-old in two years, or the development of a four-year-old in three years. He, therefore, bought a thoroughbred colt 26 days old and took it from its mother and fed it upon dry milk. He gave it no other food—except a small quantity of hay to give bulk—and his expectation was soon realized. He weighed the colt every day and found that it gained over two and a half pounds daily, and when it was one year old it weighed 752 pounds, and had gained at least four months on colts fed in the ordinary way.

He continued the feeding with dry milk—never giving the horse a particle of grain—and his horse reached its full maximum of weight in the unprecedented time of 18 months and ten days. At that time it weighed 1,012 pounds, and had gained 825 pounds in the 533 days that had intervened since it was weaned, an average of over one and a half pounds a day. The horse had beaten all records of growth by several months, and he was a most perfect example of development.

Having every reason for thinking that the horse would train better on dry milk than on grain—the dry milk containing five times as much digestible, muscle-making material as oats, and 12 times as much as hay—Mr. Hatmaker has never given him any other food, and his horse—named Azote will soon be seen in the great European races for two-year-olds. He is a beautiful horse, with wonderful muscles, and his trials give the best reasons for thinking that he will be a great race horse.

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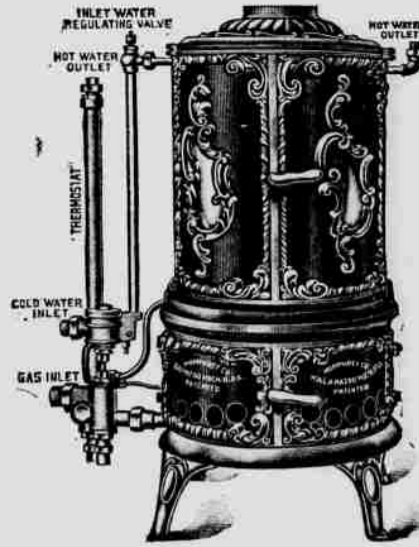


Azote as Colt 26 Days Old and at One Year Old—He Weighed 187 Pounds When the Milk Diet Was Commenced and at One Year Old Weighed 752 Pounds.

grow and develop much faster on dry milk than upon the foods ordinarily given to them, and that a horse can work harder and train better on dry milk than on any other food.

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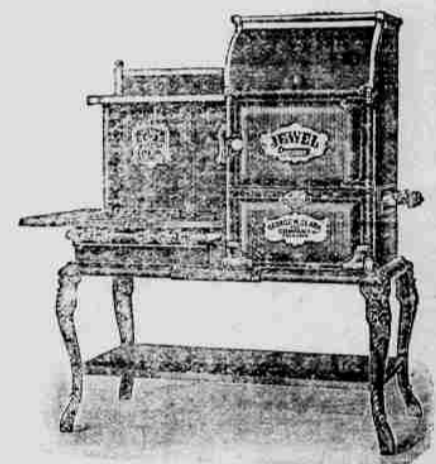
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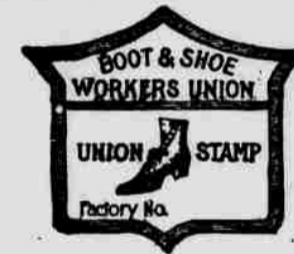
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