

Perpetual Horse Show Seen Every Day on the Streets of Omaha



ONE OF KRUG'S FINE FOUR-HORSE TEAMS



ONE OF METZ BROTHERS' FINE TEAMS



STORZ BREWING COMPANY USES SPLENDID HORSES.

THE draft horses of Omaha are better than those of any town in the country and the streets of Omaha are a perpetual horse show. This is the unqualified statement of Walter Jardine, head of the Omaha Merchants' Express company, which firm has 215 heavy horses, and is also the buyer for most of the owners of heavy horses in Omaha. "The stock of this city is kept in better condition than any other place I have visited, and I have been all over and have made a special study of these horses wherever I have been. Omaha has fewer cripples and the stock is better fed and less abused."

One of the first sights which greets the eye of a stranger coming into a city is the horses he sees, usually around the depot, on the small wagons and transfer wagons, and to the rural ranger the condition of the horses would go a long way to influence his opinion of the whole city. First impressions are often lasting, and Omaha should be proud of the splendid showing its draft horses make upon the streets of Omaha. The Horse Show has done considerably during the last two years to increase the number of good driving and park horses in Omaha, and the directors made a wise move last fall when prizes were offered for the best draft horses. If the owners of heavy haulers realize that the eyes of the public are upon them they will take more care and pride in their stock.

Omaha has always had a reputation of having good horses, the first being brought here forty-two years ago and were used by the Omaha Transfer company to haul the heavy loads across the ferry before the railroad ran into this town. About eighty splendid big horses were used at this work and ever since Omaha has had a goodly supply of fine big teams.

Horses of Omaha are not abused as in some cities where they are overloaded. The Omaha haulers go on the theory that it is better to keep a horse in good condition, so he can work day in and day out, than to have him all crippled up by overloading. A nearsighted horse is the worst a man can own, for he lacks judgment, and many horses which are sound otherwise are nearsighted, although some queer actions on their part may be attributed to some other cause.

Following the advice of Mr. Jardine, the heavy haulers of Omaha have all used horses that weigh in the neighborhood of 1,500 pounds, as this horse is found preferable to the larger one for several reasons. It is hard to get a horse that weighs over 1,500 pounds that will last, and besides there is such a demand for the heavier horses in the east that they are much more expensive. Western cities are supplied with smaller horses from the south and west, the ranch horses being sent in large numbers. Oregon also sends lots of horses, which are a trifle larger than the Texas or Wyoming horses. The horses that weigh 1,500 pounds is the most valuable because he will last much better than the heavier horse.

Most of the merchandise of South Omaha is hauled from Omaha by teams, this being the easiest way of getting groceries from the jobbing houses to the grocery stores of South Omaha. When a wagon is once loaded at one of the wholesale houses it is cheaper to haul the load to South Omaha than to take to a depot, unload, put in a car and reload at the other end. For this work some good teams are used, as it is a long pull from the jobbing district to the top of the hill at Sixteenth and Vinton streets.

Three-Horse Team Preferred. Omaha jobbers and brewers who require extra horse teams are doing away with the four-horse teams and are using three horses instead. These horses are much more suitable for Omaha for several reasons. At some of the freight depots and other places where heavy loads are secured considerable backing has to be done and never works a cripple.

with a four-horse team the wheelers are obliged to do all this heavy work, whereas in a three-horse team three horses assist in that work. Backing is one of the hard parts of heavy teaming and when two horses are compelled to back a load which it takes four horses to pull forward, it is asking a good deal of the wheelers. Few drivers can handle a four-horse team so the leaders will do their share of the labor, the wheelers being called upon to bear the brunt of the burden. With three horses all are driven with two reins and are close up, so the driver can use a little persuasion if a horse lags behind and shirks his share of the burden. It is well known that the nearer to the load a team is placed the more effective are its efforts to move the load and so the third horse behind can do much more than one horse in front, although not quite as much as two. Most of the brewers are doing away with their four-horse teams and are using three on the heavy beer wagons. Louis Metz has always been an advocate of this style for heavy hauling and many are following his example. Jardine, who does most of the heavy hauling of the city, also has more three-horse teams than four-horse teams. Louis Metz said: "I have always advocated the three-horse team. Three horses can haul all the loads needed around this city, and besides the backing is the big thing. At the Northwestern depot the space is so limited they will not let you drive your wagon along sideways and you are forced to back. With four horses the wheelers have to do all this, and it soon shows on the big wheelers. So many other arguments could be presented in favor of the three-horse team that I am surprised when I see a man in the heavy hauling business who has a four-in-hand."

Never Works a Cripple. The most extensive owner of draft horses in Omaha is the Merchants Express company, which has 215 fine horses in the barns, every one able to go on the streets for a day's work. Care is taken in selecting these horses and the best care is given them in the stables. The Merchants Express company prides itself in never sending out a crippled horse, and this care is reflected in the splendid condition of the horses and the length of time they last at hard work. Several teams of this company, daily seen on the streets, have been at work for fourteen or fifteen years, and look good for years to come. A good show

of the horses of this barn was made several years ago when Mr. Jardine hauled the whale to town and around town for Samson with his forty-two horse team. Mr. Jardine says the most noticeable thing about the heavy hauling in Omaha is the almost total absence of whipping by drivers. The horses are well kept and full of spirit and do not need the urging required by a team that is underfed and overloaded.



MERCHANTS' EXPRESS TRIO.



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ness requires larger horses, for with its immense hood the ice wagon is a load in itself and when filled with ice a heavy team is needed to move it. Then, too, these wagons are sent into the residence districts of the city, where hills are abundant and where a small horse could not pull the load. These horses are used on coal wagons in the winter and ice wagons in the summer time.

Metz Brothers, Storz and Krug each have about fifty horses for the brewery work, and each takes pride in the condition of the teams. Louis Metz looks after the horses for his firm, and has for several years, and never allows a horse out that is not in good condition. He has lighter horses for the bottle beer wagon and these are permitted to trot, but the driver is discharged without a word if he is caught trotting one of the heavy brewery teams. On most of the routes from the breweries, a driver is given two teams, one for the forenoon and one for the afternoon. All the breweries are always on the lookout for good horses and Mr. Jardine is also instructed to buy any good team he may strike in his travels around the country which he thinks would make a good brewery team. Metz Bros. tried out a large automobile for delivery of bottle beer, but it was sent back to the factory last week and horses will still be used.

Sunderland has some fine horses on his coal and cement wagons, and the Chicago Lumber company and C. N. Dietz Lumber company also pride themselves on their fine teams. The packing companies also have a fine line of heavy horses. Some time ago the packing companies agreed among themselves to stop making deliveries in Omaha and the horses were disposed of. The agreement has been broken and the heavy meat wagons are again seen on the streets. Large horses are also used by Paxton & Vierling and other heavy iron workers. The Standard Oil company has some teams which help out the splendid procession of good looking horses which is constantly seen on the street.

America Supplies Teeth for the World's Toothless
There is an gnashing of teeth going on at the present writing," remarks the facetious drummer, "you can be safe in betting the teeth are American made."
Just as America has taken the commercial lead in many other articles of manufacture that no one dreamed Uncle Sam would ever control, so gradually the superiority of American made teeth has forced all nations to come to this country for their dental supplies, until today it is no exaggeration to say that at this moment millions of jaws in Europe and Asia and Africa are masticating with the aid of the product of United States tooth factories. To Philadelphia belongs the honor of having the largest place for the manufacture of artificial teeth in the world. These teeth have been sent to the ends of the earth. In other days every dentist made his teeth in a little laboratory attached to his office. Now they are made in gigantic factories where hundreds of hands are employed. The labor is of the most skillful order, the fine hand of woman is employed with satisfaction in shaping and finishing the gleaming dental supplies. In one of the big factories there is a capacious fireproof room in which are kept the moulds of hundreds of different kinds of teeth. Should there be a call for teeth of a particular pattern supplied by the factory years ago, the mould could be got in a few minutes and the order filled with much greater celerity than if a new style were required. When the new teeth are ordered—and there are fashions in teeth, it seems—it is necessary to make a mould at first. The greatest care is taken by handworkers in the preparation of these moulds, which must be shaped and toiled with the utmost precision in order that the teeth may conform to the shape and style ordered. When the mould is made it is filled with the soft composition and the cover put on to press it into the shape of the mould. The nature of this composition, which resembles in appearance plaster of paris, is a factory secret. When the composition is in the mould it is placed in an oven to be hardened. From the oven it travels to another operator, who trims off the rough edges and shapes it into the finished tooth. Then it goes to the furnace to receive the final baking at a tremendous heat. After that the girls get in their line work, polishing and finishing and examining for defects, for the smallest flaw in the tooth will cause discomfort when in the mouth. Some of the girls, skilled to the work, sit all day long critically examining the cards of shining teeth and discarding those that are imperfect and need further touching up. There are faddists in teeth as in everything else. Sometimes a toothless person will order a set of teeth of the kind she has seen some one else flashing on an admiring audience. If these are artificial and the covetous one will pay the price, the dentist will make a point of baking in the gleaming smile of the possessor of the fine set of teeth, and will then order a set expressly made to match it. The task of supplying such an order is often easy, as long years of experience in moulding teeth has secured models of almost every kind of genuine teeth, but occasionally there are ordered what is known as "break teeth"—teeth which have a peculiar color and a shape so different from any teeth before manufactured, that it takes days of experiment with chemicals and moulds to produce anything that approaches the original.—New York Tribune.

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Entertaining Little Stories for Little People
Lost in the Desert!
Li, alone in the desert! Away off on one side stretched the sky. On the other side were the mountains. In the distance sounded a coyote's bark. There alone sat a baby girl. Not a person was in sight, nor even a house. Where were the little girl's mother and father? Where was the great wagon in which they had been riding? Baby Minnie could not tell. She only knew that in a great storm the horses had been frightened and had run away. She had been tossed from the wagon into the sand and left alone. It was dark now, and she was hungry. The cactus plants stood about her. They pricked her fingers when she touched them. The stars came out in the sky. Minnie thought of the "wish" she and her sisters said when they saw the first star. She began saying drowsily to herself. "Star light, star bright, First star I see tonight!" She did not finish the rhyme, for just then she thought she saw a man. She tried to call but she could hardly hear her own voice. She lay down on the ground and sobbed, as the man went on into the dusk. In a miner's cabin, a mile away, a man sat with his head in his hands. A woman stood in the doorway, looking out at the stars. "My baby," she sighed, "where are you, all alone, tonight?" Turning to the man in the cabin, she said, "Come Manuel. We must look again." A miner came toward the cabin. "You did not see anything of her?—you did not see my baby, did you?" The woman then told the man how her baby had been lost in a storm. "I wonder if it was a child?" cried the man. "I thought I saw an animal in the noctua. It was out there," he said, pointing. The man ran out, followed by the woman and her husband. At least he stopped. There in the moonlight, in the shade of a

big plant, lay Baby Minnie, fast asleep—Little Chronicle.
Funny Game for Rainy Day. "Never mind if it does rain. Mamma always thinks of something extra nice for rainy days," said Harold. "I have thought of something now," said mamma. "Get some pieces of smooth brown paper for Frankie and little Helen, and some of that pretty green cardboard for Esther and Mabel, and you and Leon may use your scrapbooks. I will pick out some old magazines and Leon may get some paste. Esther, you may take the cloth off the dining table and spread out some newspapers. I am going to show you how to make crazy pictures." The children ran to collect the things and mamma sent Harold for both pairs of scissors and the shears, and Esther for some empty boxes and covers to lay the parts of pictures in. "Now," said mamma, giving the things round to the different ones as she spoke, "you may cut the brown paper into sheets about six inches; you may cut the cardboard the same size. "Now all you little ones may cut out the pictures of everything in the advertisement pages that is alive, but don't try to cut them close to the picture; let the older ones do that. Harold may punch the sheets on one end, so they can be tied together to make a book when they are done. You could make a book at first, but if you spill a page it looks badly to cut it out, so I like sheets best." Then mamma cut out several pictures quickly, and cut off their heads and arms and legs, putting the heads into one box, the arms into another, the legs into a third, and the bodies into a fourth. Sometimes she left the arms with the body, as it would spoil some of the bodies to have them cut off. As soon as all the children had pictures enough cut so there were quite a number in each box, mamma gave a body to each child, and then while one was picking out

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