## Correct Modern Stable Outfits

ITH the coming of the Horse Show more interest than ever is being displayed on all sides both by the merchants and by the exhibitors. When the first Horse Show was talked of for Omaha the people of this city were almost at a loss as to what was the proper thing to wear at the Horse show, and the local exhibitors did not know just what would be required of them in the way of appointments in the various classes which were to be shown. That is, some of the people did not, but there were many who had been following the Horse Shows of the country for several years. When the time for the first Horse Show came around W. H. McCord and one or two others possessed about as fine stables as were to be found in any of the western cities. As the time for the third annual Horse Show approaches it has developed that a large number of horse admirers have added horses and equipages to their stables until Omaha can boast as many fine stables as any city of its size in

People who attend the shows have also been educated until thousands are now able to tell, when a horse is brought into the arena, whether he has the right conformation, and whether he is hitched properly for the class in which he is shown and whether the proper appointments are used in showing the horse. The people of Omaha are a discriminating class and insist on the prizes going to the best horse. Omaha citizens are noted for the fairness which they display whenever a contest is on and an outsider, should he be able to win on his merits, is accorded just as good a reception as a local horse. In almost a necessary adjunct to a large stable." some cities the prejudices of the people are shown to such an extent that the judges must feel they should follow popular opinion to a certain extent and this in oftimes prejudiced.

#### Vehicles Bought in a Year

That the citizens of Omaha have been spending large sums of money in fixing up their stables is evidenced by the list of vehicles sold by a single firm this year. The list includes:

Runabouts and Open Stanhopes-W. J. C. Kenyon, E. M. Gibson, Jay D. Foster, G. Stora, Roy Young, Otto Siemssen, M. W. Cavanagh, Dr. A. D. Cloyd, Colonel J. C. Sharp, W. B. Meikle, J. B. Epeneter, A. F. Smith, Tom J. Foley, George H Kelly, G. W. Redick, J. D. Gorman, E. H. Chambers, T. M. Childs, George H. Brewer Ed Rog-

Top Buggies, Concord Buggies, etc .- P. T. McGraw, D. V. Sholes, Metz Bros. Brewing company, G. M. Messenger, C. F. Kuncl, E. H. Chambers, Dr. A. O. Peterson, Storz Brewing company, Ed Phalen, Dr. C. H. Ballard, E. O. Jackson, W. I. Lindsay.

Top Stanhopes and Spider Phaetons-William Hayden, William Krug, J. A. Cavers, A. C. Smith, G. H. Messenger, Dr. A. W. Riley, Samuel Katz, Max Reichenberg, Brailey & Dorrance, Mrs. C. C. Allison, O. C. Redick, Frank Rocco.

Depot Wagons and Family Carriages-Dr. W. O. Henry, William Krug, Dr. B. B. Davis, Louis R. Metz, Robert Rosenzweig, H. O. Edwards, J. B. Kitchen, C. W. Partridge, J. F. Smith, Dr. E. R. Porter, Colonel J. V. R. Hoff, Edward Hayden, H. N. Way.

Pony Vehicles-George H. Payne, W. F. Carson, Mrs. Luther Kountze, A. F. Miller, J. S. Adkins, Dr. B.

In addition to the vehicles are pony harness, single runabout and single coach harness, fine double coach harness, station wagon harness, wet weather harness sold to most of all the purchasers of the above vehicles as well as many English side and cross saddles to those interested in riding.

#### Livery for Groom and Coachman

Every up-to-date park rig has two grooms, a coachman and a footman, and these must both be in full dress livery. The coachman is the man who sits in front and handles the ribbons. He must be a thorough horseman and in the ring must understand the horse he is driving. His livery is made considerably different from the footman; for example, his coat must have pockets and only four buttons on the back, while the footman's coat has no pockets and six buttons on the back. The coachman has fewer buttons because he is always sitting down and could not sit on a lot of buttons with comfort. He has pockets because he must have a place to put his gloves while the footman needs no pockets for this as ae does not take off his gloves. It is a part of the duty of the footman to so time his actions as to be at the head of his horses by the time they are brought to a full stop. To do this he should commence his descent from the vehicle the instant he feels the pulling up of the horses. In the show ring he should never lay his hands on the horses unless they are very restless or fretful. The coachman always receives the orders from the owner and the groom is under him. A good coachman never uses the whip unless to convey to the horse a distinct command to go and he never touches the horse twice with the whip in the same place. The box is always mounted by him from the off or whip hand side. On smaller rigs the coachman sits with the owner, while the owner drives and the footman or tiger sits behind the same as in a larger rig. Whenever a lady is showing a horse she is supposed to carry a coachman with her.

#### Outfit for Gentleman's Stable

W. R. Drummond, the principal outfitter in the west, was asked what made a complete outfit for a gentlemen's

stable and said: "The general conception in the west of a complete outfit would include a stanhope gig, demimail phaeton, runabout, victoria, station wagon and brougham. The stanhope gig is the universal showy vehicle for a single horse. It is the two-wheeled gig which has been used at the Omaha shows. The runabout is, as the name applies, a vehicle used for town purposes and can hardly be classed a park rig. This is generally driven by the gentleman with the groom alongside. The victoria is the lady's vehicle and is driven by her or the couchman according to the style of the vehicle. This is distinctly a park rig and of course the servants must be in full dress livery. The demi-mail phaeton is decidedly the gentleman's vehicle and always has the polehead with the chains which rattle as the horses move. These were named from Lord Stanhope, who was a rich English lord, but lost his money. Having a fine stable of horses and rigs he took a contract to carry the government mail. He altered his phaeton by attaching a box to the rear, which has been changed but slightly to the present day.

"The station wagon is a utility vehicle for daylight purposes and is always driven by the servant in undress livery or stable clothes. The brougham or demi-coach is an evening rig, the lines of which are patterned after the French royal vehicles. To be correct this is always equipped and driven after the fashion of the full dress vehicles. Of course a park trap comes in very handy for an undress vehicle for a lady. In this same line can be used a body break which is a morning exercise rig and is

#### Correct Harness for Each Rig

In speaking of the correct harness for each of the rigs which are displayed in the show rings and on the boulevards George H. Wilkins, manager of Omaha's third annual show, said: "To begin with, no color but black is permissible in harness, and of mountings, brass is always given the preference. Bearing reins are always used on harness for town horses, both as a matter of safety and for uniformity in the looks of a pair, making them head alike. The pulley bridoon check is very much in favor for tandem and heavy road harness and on account of its flexible working gives great ease and freedom to the horse's mouth.

For a complete stable a man should have his steel case first. This is for the safe keeping of his bits and chains, free from moisture and always polished and hung properly. He must have a gig harness, runabout harness, tandem harness, brougham harness and victoria harness, or park harness. The gig harness should be brass mounted, have a spring hook bearing rein, bridle with square winkers, standing martingale, gig bit, chain to connect hames at bottom, closed loop tugs and single square or horseshoe buckles. Brass bridle fronts must match the other trimmings.

#### For the Runabout

"As to the runabout harness, the common conception is brass mounting, elbow bits, Kay collars, although a breast collar is not tabooed, and French tugs and bridle fronts of metal with winkers to suit the taste. To be correct, even for town use one should always carry in the runabout box or under the seat an emergency shoe. The harness for the park pair should be mounted as the rest, bridles with square winkers, spring hook dress harnesses, Kay collars with straight pads and pole chains, hames with jointed kidney links and ring, outside clips with three rivets on tugs. The victoria is the same except pad housings and fronts to match, loin pieces and pole pieces instead of chains. The brougham harness should have the same winkers, chain forehead bands of any pattern, spring hook bearing reins, Buxton bits, Kay collars, breast plates, hames with jointed links and rings to match, straight pads and loin pieces, no pad housings nor pole pieces. Chains are never correct."

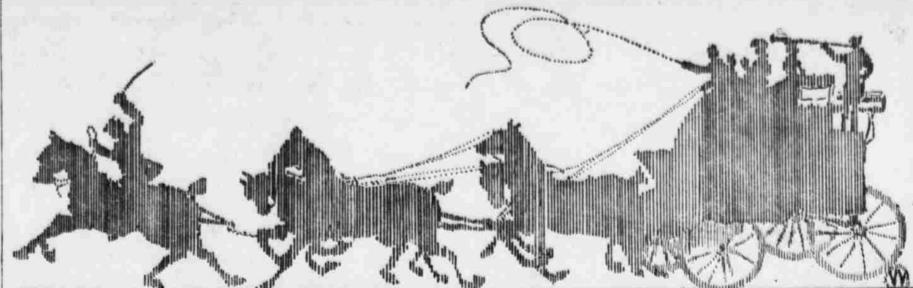
#### In the Stable Itself

Improvements in stables have come with years of education and now each stall is equipped with small feed box, which is generally kept filled automatically, water trough, and tie ring. The stalls generally have a wire or lattice grating between them and are bedded half way. The posts are generally trimmed with pillikins, or wrapping of straw half way up and half a ball on top. Stalls, of course, must be very well drained. As to stable accessories, sponges, soap, scrapers, robes, coolers, and leather boots and bandages. A good horse should always be kept bandaged and in the proper manner or the bandage is useless in its purpose. A bath tub is necessary for the horse's feet, as these need the utmost care. The servants' quarters are generally above the stable, and are as commodious and neat as the houses of the

The standard riding bridle equipped with English riding bit and double rein is the only recognized bridle in use at the present time. An English side and a cross saddle are, of course, necessary where one rides. The crop is a relic of barbarism and is not used in the present day at all, but instead a short bat is always carried by those who aim to be anywhere near correct. The crop came from England and was used by a gentleman in cross country riding to open the gates he encountered.



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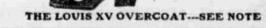
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