

of the country, foal at her foot, shire, an uncommon one have been seen—a This animal, stock, had a back to her When the farmer had presented e came to the acquisition, and e it a summary, the unwelcome other farmer in the foal and was reared on place from a aph was taken excellent condior the first year Trained at the on of being an gh. As if to nt of sight her ere remarkably her companion, a road, she was urning her head istening or try- y was clear or his way along when working led to show the f she were in To a stranger as the way she y it high, and she threw back raph, an action she was entirely y attached, and s circumstances een sensitive to and careful, if s a cat at one n safety among ose box. The n spent grazing her way to the o be quite sur- , if once taken way afterwards, months in the one went near e came to be on. She could still pull up mistake she had ne when she oc- or young horses, te her compan- y in the vicinity of their hools tful of any in- ce thrown off wire fence in mistake nearly ly she was ob- m her perilous y by misadven- RLES, REID.

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troubles often other troubles, kicking is often ravation when m some neglect miliar with its kicking when a that has been tching will not e tail. Switch-

try and arrive whether of a If of the ner- must be used, d by force (not

as I have said, undings. If he ck the animal d crupper, snap pass other end gives you extra ck do not jerk lines command re understood. rope, make a When animal quick pull on the command

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way is to get a strap, make a loop in one end to allow crupper to pass through, and on the other end make a loop for the breeching to pass through freely. Then have two small straps with buckles riveted crosswise of strap to buckle to tail underneath the hair. This will not be easily seen, and if worn for some little time may overcome the habit.

York Co., Ont.

JOHN DUNN.

Clip the Horses.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

As it is nearing the time to start work on the land again, we farmers cannot recommend too highly the clipping of horses in the spring. The majority of farm horses do not know what a hard day's work is between the time the land freezes in the fall, and the starting of the plow the following spring. Neither do they cast their winter coat so readily when standing idle. Therefore, they become very soft, and sweat very easily when put at hard work again. Oftentimes they become wet with sweat shortly after commencing work in the morning and remain that way all day, which must be very tiresome to a horse. Sometimes horses are not even dry the following morning, and I feel sure all will admit that it is very unpleasant to sleep at nights in damp clothes. If a horse is clipped it saves much valuable time grooming twice a day, and the horse's skin can be kept much cleaner with a little brushing, and if given the same feed the clipped horse will generally be in better condition after three week's hard work at seeding time. A few will claim that a clipped horse will feel the cold, and probably will catch cold, but I think a little experience should change their minds, because a horse in fair condition suffers very little from the cold while working compared with suffering from the heat. Others do not like to clip their horses, lest they grow much more hair next winter. Now I think this to be a mistake. Fall clipping may have a very slight tendency to thicken the hair, but not so with spring clipping. Just try clipping all of the working horses a day or two before commencing your spring work this spring.

Wellington Co., Ont. J. M. COCKBURN.

Ropes Cured a Kicker.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

You ask for suggestions for preventing horses from kicking and switching. Last year we had a very bad one to deal with. She was rising three, and of a somewhat nervous disposition. She was such a bad kicker she would let no one beside her in a stall, so was tied in a box stall and was approached through a door from the front. To harness or work around her one front leg had to be tied up and even then she would attempt to kick, and was getting worse. Her head was also tied up to a joist above. When we commenced working, if a line, trace or tongue touched her she would kick and switch, generally getting her leg over the trace or tongue, and would kick until she got it back. This continued for a week, and she got still worse. Whipping was tried but it provoked matters. She got so bad the men would not touch her. Then we took a plan of our own. We fastened a strong hame strap to each hind fetlock (with a ring on strap) then to the rings fastened a one-half-inch rope running up through harness to prevent tangling her feet, to halter. This rope was then tied just short enough that she could work. She was then hitched up and went perhaps ten feet when she put her leg against the tongue, then gave a terrific kick. It gave her neck such a jerk that it almost threw her over. She worked for an hour or more and tried it again only lighter. These ropes were kept on for a week, but as she made no further effort to kick and could not be provoked into kicking they were removed, and with one exception she has not kicked since, and that once was in the stable when a man went behind her and up beside her without speaking. As to her switching it was either cured or she quit it voluntarily. We braided an iron about eight ounces in her tail where it was not noticed. It was left perhaps three months, and the habit gradually wore off. She is as yet rather high spirited, but not vicious.

Ont. Co., Ont.

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John Bright, who has acted as Chairman of the Stallion Enrolment Board since its inception, has resigned his position, and John Guardhouse, a well-known horseman and stockman of Weston, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Bright has always taken a very prominent interest in the subject of stallion enrolment. After the creation of the Board he was appointed Live-Stock Commissioner for Canada, and it is owing to his duties in this connection that he has resigned from the Board at the present time. In fact it was his desire to have resigned sooner, but as the work was in the initial stages he was prevailed upon to remain until the Act had been put in good working order.

The British Hackney Stagnating.

The British Hackney is stagnating—that is clearly the lesson of the annual show of the English Hackney Horse Society just over in London. Substance, in the horse, has been sacrificed and lost for a will of the wisp called "quality"—an indefinable something which is causing the breed to lose all its old-time, hard wearing, nay cast-iron properties. Saddle classes were cut out of the programme this year, and that is to be regretted, for there can be no doubt that at one time the Hackney was the ideal riding horse. Not that the saddle type is lost by any means, and it is for that reason that it is to be regretted that the riding classes were not continued, with a proviso that they should be shown in normal shoes.



The Old Blind Mare.

The female breeding classes were infinitely better, group for group, than those of the opposite sex. Two-year-old fillies made a level class, at the head of each was placed W. Briggs', Albin Lady Borwick, a beautifully balanced filly, with good bone and quality. She is built on the lines of a brood mare. Though there were only eight entries for three-year-old fillies over 15 hands, it made a strong class. After some difficulty, the premier award went to E. Bewley's, Beckingham Lady Gracious, which won at the Royal show last year. She has grown into a beautiful mare, and made a great show, but she came against a great mare in C. E. E. Cooke's, Bygrave St. Ag-

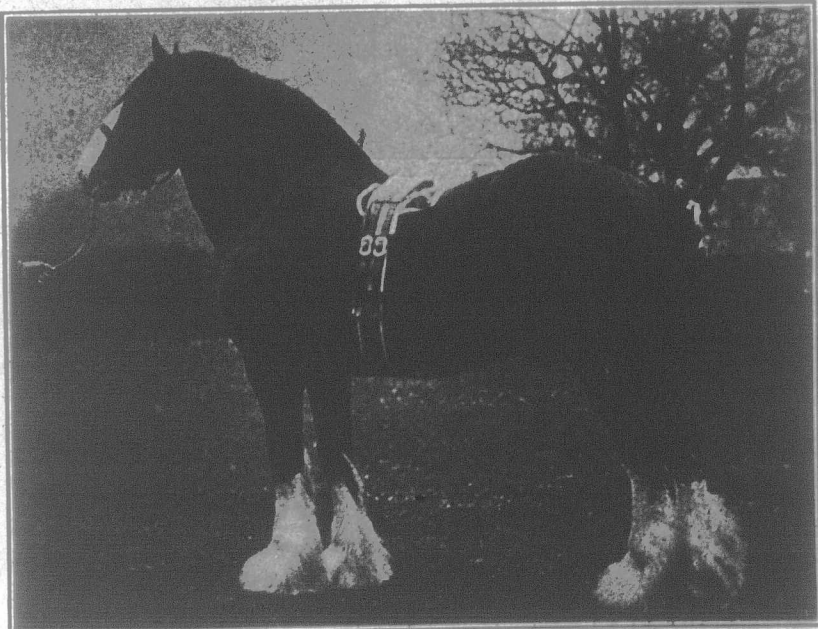
Martinez de Hoz's, Hopwood Viceroy, a ten-year-old with a history and an international reputation, for has he not sired stock and won honors on two Continents? His reserve this time was Bingley Toreador, a beautiful three-year-old son of Kirkburn Toreador, the champion of 1909 and 1910. Second reserve was Hopwood King, a four-year-old son of Admiral Crighton, so that it would look as quite feasible that in the fullness of time Mr. Rycroft should secure his name being engraved on the nineteenth challenge cup for stallions when it is put up for competition next season. Beckingham Lady Grace, won the mare championship again for Henry Gilding, and her reserve this time was M. F. Goodbody's, Cudham Marjorie, with Beckingham Lady Gracious (E. Bewley's) second reserve.

The harness horse championship fell to Martinez de Hoz's, Argentine-bred Gay Boy, who defeated Philip Smith's, King of the Air in a grueling contest, in which, of the two, the Cheshire-owned horse did the more execution, going hard and true, both fore and aft, and kept on doing it. The decision was none too popular.

The pony classes were full of exceedingly good stock, and everyone was delighted to see Enoch Glen's stallion, Torchfire, record his second win in the contest for the £50 Challenge Cup offered for stallions in harness. It is three years since Torchfire notched his first victory in this event, but time has dealt lightly with

him, and his action is just the crisp, smart, rhythmic motion so much desired. The increasing interest of the lady lover of the pony was noticeable in this year's awards.

The Stallion which came out best as a sire of winners at this show was Polonius, Robert Whitworth's veteran horse responsible for 24 riband bearers. Mathias' stock won 13 prizes and Beckingham Squires 12. In ponies the stock of Talka Fire King (W. Wainwright's) won 9 prizes and Sir Horace's youngsters got 7. G. T. BURROWS.



Radium.

Radium (18674) is a son of Hiawatha, and a sire of male and female winners and champions in Scotland. Owned by Longfield & Woolley, Crampton, Ontario.

atha, which was the winning two-year-old in London, and which made a very brilliant show.

In mares four-year-old and upwards, over 14 hands, and not exceeding 15 hands 2 inches, M. F. Goodbody's, Cudham Marjorie won first, after a close struggle with Mrs. Arthur W. Garland's, Hopwood Leda. Last year's champion, Mr. Gilding's, Beckingham Lady Grace made a great show in aged mares over 15 hands 2 inches, but it was a very near thing between Sir Lees Knowles', Knowle Halma and E. Bewley's fine young