

282. The Correct Conformation of Pastern. Taking up the conformation of the fore legs, of the 32,902 horses reported as unsound, 11,165 of them were reported unsound in front. As

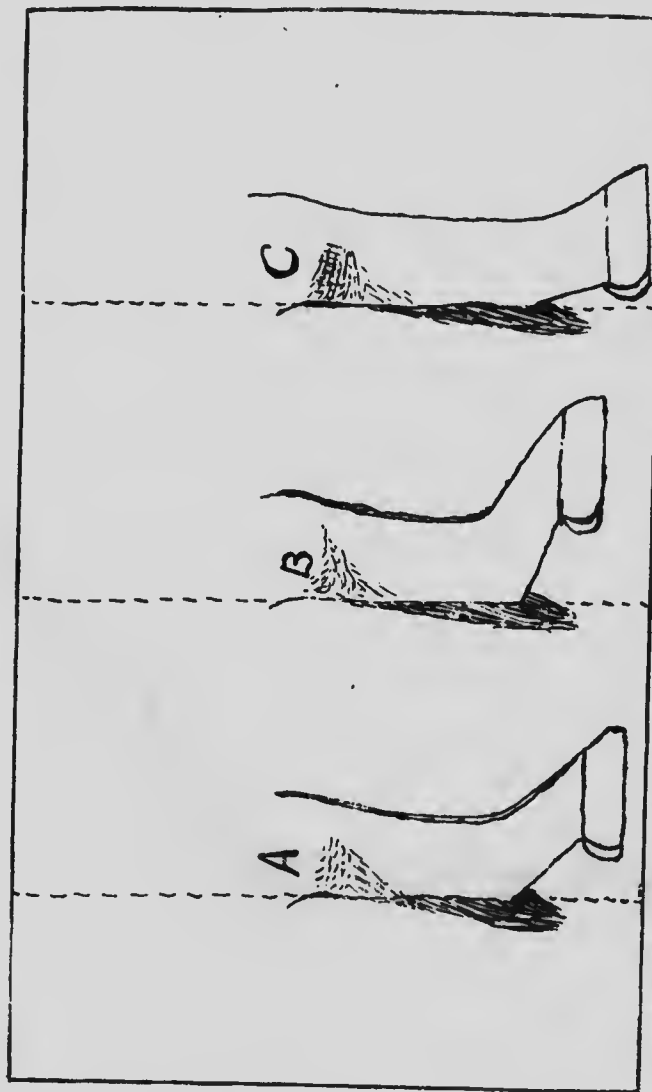


Figure 83.—The different angles of the pastern of the horse. A represents the correct angle of the fore pastern of the horse, 45 degrees. B indicates a pastern too slanting. C indicates too straight a pastern.

regards these, 10,378 were reported with short and straight pasterns. Some were reported as having rather poor feet at the time of their purchase, but where the pastern was of proper length and elasticity, the feet had remained in about the same condition. Upon the other hand, horses purchased with good feet, but short, straight pasterns, soon became crippled in thei