

Miscellaneous.

Hints for the Proper Preservation of a Carriage.

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A CARRIAGE should be kept in an airy, dry coach-house, with a moderate amount of light, otherwise the colours will be destroyed.

Whenever standing for days together, a carriage should always have on it a large linen cover, sufficiently strong to keep off the dust without excluding the light.

When a carriage is new or newly painted, it is better for it to stand a few weeks before being used. It will, however, even then stain or spot, unless care be taken to remove the mud before it dries on.

In washing a carriage, keep out of the sun, and have the lower end of the seats covered with leather. Use plenty of water, which apply (where practicable) with a hose or syringe, taking great care that the water is not driven into the body to the injury of the lining.

When saturated, squeeze over the panels, and by the flow down of the water the dirt will soften and harmlessly run off, then finish with a soft chamois leather, and old silk handkerchief. The same remarks apply to the underworks and wheels, except that when the mud is well soaked, a soft mop, free from any hard substance in the head, may be used.

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Examine a carriage occasionally, and whenever a bolt or clip appears to be getting loose, tighten it up with a wrench, and always have little repairs done at once. Should the tires of the wheels get at all slack, so that the joints of the felloes are seen, have them immediately contracted, or the wheels will be permanently injured.

Keep a small bottle of black japan, and a brush, always handy, to paint the treads and steps when worn by the feet; nothing makes a carriage look more tidy than this.

Never draw out or back a carriage into a coach-house with the horses attached, as more accidents occur from this than any other cause. Heated carriages should never stand with the head down; and aprons of every kind should be frequently unfolded, or they will soon spoil.

As a general rule, a carriage with gentle work, retains its freshness better than if standing for long periods in a coach-house. If the latter is necessary, draw it out occasionally to air. See that the coach-house doors can be so fastened as not to blow to by the wind.

A good carriage kept as here recommended, will always be a credit to everyone concerned.

Go slowly to the entertainments of thy friends, but quickly to their misfortunes.

Twilight is but day getting black in the face from drinking night-shade.

"Idleness covers a man with rags," says the proverb. An Irish schoolmaster, thinking to improve on this, wrote a copy for one of his boys with the proverb thus altered. Idleness covers a man with nakedness.

CLEANING OIL-STONES.—A correspondent of the American Artisan says:—I send you a practical recipe for the cleaning of oil-stones and hones, which may be worth publishing in the Am. Artisan for the benefit of those who use edge-tools.

Poetry.

The True Aristocrats.

Who are the nobles of earth— The true aristocrats— Who need not bow their heads to lords, Nor doff to kings their hats?

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

"CANADA FARMER" Office, July 12, 1865.

Another week of fine weather has come and gone, and we are still pleased to observe that the excellent prospects of good crops have not to any great degree been dispelled.

Business on the street market has been almost at a stand still, and will remain so until after harvest and the new crop is brought in.

The following are the current prices of produce, &c., in this market.—

Flour—market dull with few transactions, fresh ground from Canada wheat, held at \$4 50 to \$5, extra do. at \$5 50 to \$6, superior extra at \$6.

Fall Wheat in fair demand and steady, at \$1 to \$1 05 on the street.

Spring Wheat—quiet; selling on street, at 95c to \$1 00.

Barley quiet and nominal, at 60c to 65c per bushel.

Pease steady, at 70c to 80c.

Oats dull at 42c to 45c.

Corn unchanged.

Provisions—inactive; Butter scarce at 17c to 18c per lb. for rolls; dairy, in tubs, 14c to 15c per lb.

Cheese—more plentiful, wholesale 11c to 12c per lb, retail 14c to 15c per lb.

Eggs—market steady, with small supply; fresh 15c per dozen wholesale.

Potatoes—Scarce, but of excellent quality, with fair demand, wholesale, 70c; retail, 80c.

Beef—in demand, but lower, primo cuts 8c to 10c per lb., stew and corn pieces 6c to 7c per lb.

Mutton—More plentiful and in good demand, at 7c to 10c per lb.; hind quarters 10c per lb.; fore quarters 8c per lb.

Liver Stock—dressed weight, 1st class \$5 to \$6 00; 2nd class \$4 to \$4 50, inferior, \$3 to \$3 60, calves more plentiful, \$5 to \$6 each, fair quantity in the market; sheep, \$3 60 to \$4 60 each per car load; do. yearlings, \$3 to \$3 50, lambs, \$2 to \$2 60.

Hay—unchanged, with small supply at from \$10 to \$13 per ton.

Hamilton Markets, July 11.—Flour quiet and firm, with quotations unchanged from last report, No. 1 superfine at \$4 75, extra do. \$5 to \$5 25, double extra, \$5 75 to \$6.

Face Wheat in fair demand, but no wool brands are offered, it is nominally quoted at \$1 10, \$1 05 Spring Wheat is dull and lower, at 85c to 95c Pease, high r. at 75c to 80c Oats, heavy at 45c to 46c.

Barley, none offering, quoted at 60c. Corn, in good supply at 7c.

Buckwheat Flour, \$1 to \$2 Cornmeal, retail, \$1 75 to \$2 Oatmeal, \$2 45 to \$3 Bran, 60c to 62c; Potatoes, 70c to 75c.

Provisions—Fresh Butter is plentiful at 13c to 15c, retail at 15c, dairy tub b.ings 12c Eggs, 13c to 15c Cheese, in good demand at 12c to 14c Beef, per 100 lbs., \$5 to \$5 60 Pork, do. \$5 to \$6.

Lard, per lb., retail, 10c, do. whole sale, 14c to 15c Ham, uncured, 10c, do. covered, 12c Shoulders, uncured, 9c; do. covered, 10c Bacon, retail, 12c to 12 1/2c; do. wholesale, 11c Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10 Tallow, rough, \$5, do. refined, \$6 50 Hides, green, trimmed, \$3, do. untrimmed, \$2 60 Calveskins, per lb., 7c to 8c Sheepskins and Lambskins, \$1 to \$2 Wool, 1.0m 40c to 45c on the street.—Spectator.

London Markets, July 11.—Fall Wheat, \$1 to \$1 05 Spring Wheat, 90c to 92c Barley, 60c Oats, 35c to 38c

Wheat, 42c to 43c Butter, trash, 13c to 15c Butter, keg, 12 1/2c Potatoes, 60c to 60c Flour, \$2 to \$2 50 Apples, per bushel, \$1 to \$1 50

Out straw, per load, \$3 to \$5 Dressed Hogs, \$8 to \$11 Beef, 3 50 to \$4 25 Pease, 75c Corn, 75c to 80c Hay, old, \$12

Hay, new, \$8 to \$10 Eggs, 12c to 13c—Prototype

Galt Markets, July 11.—Wool, 41c to 42c Flour, \$2 50 to \$3 Fall Wheat, \$1 03 to \$1 10 Spring Wheat, \$1 to \$1 10

Barley, 50c to 65c Oats, 37 1/2c to 40c Flax Seed, \$1 to \$1 25 Butter, 13c to 14c Eggs, 11c to 12 1/2c Wood, \$2 60 to \$3

Hay, \$9 to \$10 Straw, \$5 50 to \$6 Potatoes, 20c to 30c Pease, 60c Beef, \$5 to \$7 Pork, 10c to 12 1/2c—Reformer.

Goderich Markets, July 11.—Spring Wheat, 90c Fall Wheat, \$1, Oats, 40c to 45c Flour, \$5 to \$5 50

Barley, 55c to 60c Pease, 75c Pork, \$5 50 Wood, 30c to 40c Sheep, \$3 to \$4

Lambs, \$2 Turkeys, each, 45c to 50c Geese, each, 25c Chickens, per pair, 20c Ducks, per pair, 25c Hides, green, \$2 75

Butter, 12 1/2c Potatoes, new, \$3 50 Wood, \$2 Eggs, 10c to 12 1/2c Hay, new, per ton, \$8 to \$9 Green Pease, 2 1/2c—Goderich Signal.

Buffalo Markets, July 11.—Flour, steady, and in fair demand, red water Oats at \$7 25, XX white at \$7 75

Wheat—The market rules firm but dull, holders ask \$1 25 for No. 1 Chicago and Milwaukee spring; \$1 30 to \$1 45 for amber Michigan Corn, market rules firm and active, No. 2 mixed at 65c, No. 1 mixed at 67c

Oats, the market rules dull at 54c to 54 1/2c Barley, dull, held at \$1 10 Canada, 75c for Western Rye, quiet; held at 75c Pease, firmer at \$1 20

Butter, in moderate demand, and firmer, held at 15c to 22c for Canada and Western; 20c to 25c for good to choice State Petroleum, in moderate request and firm; white at 74c, crude, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4, straw, 80c, naphtha, 50c to 55c—Express.

Houston Markets, July 10.—Flour—Market steady, with a fair demand, sales of western superfine at \$5 75 to \$6, common extra, \$6 50 to \$7 75, medium do. \$7 to \$8, good and choice do. \$9 to \$12 per bbl, the latter price for favorite brands

St. Louis Grain—Corn is in moderate demand; sales of Southern yellow at \$1 00 to \$1 05, western mixed, 70c to 92c per bushel Oats are firm, we quote Northern and Canadian at 65c to 80c, Western, 80c to \$3; Prince Edward Island, 55 to 70c per bushel Rye is quiet at 90 to 95c per bushel

Shorts are selling at \$19 to \$21; fine feed, \$24 to \$27, middlings, \$28 to \$30 per ton Provisions—Pork is steady, with a fair demand, sales of primo at \$21 to \$22, mess, \$25 to \$27 50; clear, \$35 to \$39 per bbl, cash Beef is dull; sales of western and eastern mess, and extra mess at \$14 to \$16 per bbl cash.—Advertiser.

New York Markets, July 12.—Flour—Receipts, 8,272 barrels; market 5c better; sales 6,500 barrels at \$5 60 to \$6 00 for superfine State; \$6 65 to \$6 75 for extra State; \$6 80 to \$7 85 for choice do.; \$5 55 to \$6 00 for superfine Western; \$6 65 to \$6 85 for common to medium extra Western, Canadian flour 6c better and quiet; sales 200 bbls, at \$6 60 to \$6 75 for common, and \$6 80 to \$8 25 for good to choice extra Rye flour dull

Wheat—Receipts, 87,987 bushels; market dull, and 1c to 2c lower; sales 36,000 bushels at \$1 65 for winter red Western, and \$1 70 to \$1 72 for amber Michigan Barley dull Corn, scarcely so firm; sales at 82c to 82 1/2c for sound mixed Western Oats dull at 65c for Western Pork, a little lower; sales 800 lbs, at \$27 50 to \$27 62 1/2 for new mess, \$24 to \$24 60 for '63 and '64 do, and \$18 75 to \$19 25 for prime Beef dull

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