

Shying in Horses.

The vice of shying is one of the most annoying and dangerous, and many farmers cannot understand why horses shy in the first place, and why it is so difficult to break them of this evil and dangerous habit. They do not stop to reflect that shying is simply a revival of an old habit essential to the very existence of the horse when it ran wild on desert or plain. Every horse from colthood up was obliged to be on the look-out for an enemy. Were it not for its speed the horse would be almost as defenceless as a sheep. It must depend on its legs for safety and its eye and ear to warn it of danger. Its eyes are so placed that it can see on each side and can turn its ears in all directions so as to catch the slightest sound. When a wolf is seen or the sound of a wolf heard or a snake trailing through the long grass it was ready for flight, and that habit through all the generations still continues and is strongest in the horse nearest to the original wild type and weakest in horses of the draft type, out of which it has been almost entirely bred. The horse seldom fears any object unless it appears suddenly; therefore, the way to break a horse of shyness is not to whip it when it obeys the instinct of its ancestors. This only makes it worse, for it is sure to remember that if there had even been no reason for this involuntary motion, it is liable to get a whipping for it anyway. The only reasonable way to break a horse of this habit is to require it to stop whenever it shies and let it see that there is nothing to be afraid of. Man himself is not much afraid of anything he clearly sees and understands. It is the unknown, the mysterious, that which comes suddenly and takes us unawares of which we stand in fear.—*Rural World*.

"Joe, why do you suppose that old hen persists in laying in the coal bin?" "Why, mother, I think she has seen the sign, 'Now is the time to lay in coal.'"

Western Manitoba's Big Fair.

The prize list of the Western Agricultural and Arts Association, whose annual exhibition will be held at Brandon on July 18th to 21st inclusive has been issued. Entries for all classes close on Saturday, July 15th, and must be made with the manager, Mr. F. J. Clark, Brandon, Man., from whom proper entry forms, prize lists and all information may be obtained. The fair at Brandon will be one of the great events of the year in Western Canada, and should be largely patronized by people from all sections of the Dominion. It appeals to all patriotic Canadians as affording opportunities for education and for illustrating the advantages and possibilities of one of the finest agricultural districts in the world, whose interests it is the duty of every Canadian to promote. As the directors point out in their announcement, "There is not a home, a farm, a factory or a commercial house that cannot point to some improvement or profit resulting from the holding of the fair." Manitobans can be depended upon to fill every department with the choicest exhibits their province affords and to do everything possible to ensure the unqualified success of the fair.

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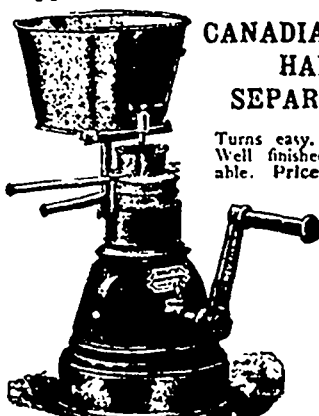
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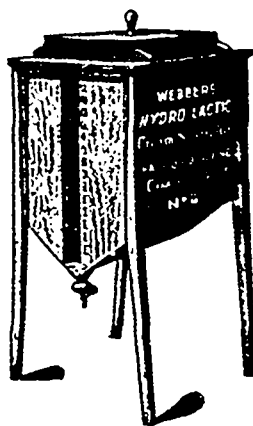
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