

There's No Time Like The Present

Did it ever really occur to you that none of us have a "lease on life" and that the only way to attain the big things is to take advantage of every opportunity with the least possible delay.

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As the Colt Is, So Will Be the Horse

A. S. Alexander, M.D.C.

Every foal should be the product of intelligent, correct breeding; not haphazard, hit and miss mating.

Too many misfits and mongrels are produced. They fail to make high-class horses, even when properly fed and managed. Born wrong, they do not grow right. It is also lamentably true that many colts born right are raised wrong.

Every farrier should aim to mate only suitable sires and dams for the production of ideal horses. For the various purposes, and then should feed and develop the product perfectly.

Only a pure-bred sire can beget a grade horse. He also must be sound, muscular, prepotent, and suitable in type if the colt is to be ideal. This is equally true of his mate. The sire does not necessarily correct, in his progeny, the serious faults of conformation of his mate. He reproduces only those of his features which are stronger or dominant over the corresponding features of the mare.

Then, too, if care is not taken to train the foal's hoofs properly, they may grow crooked and throw the leg bones out of plumb. This will spoil action and ability at maturity. The feet must be made level and true by expert rasping once a month or so during the growing years. Such trimming is all-important. Postponed, it soon becomes too late to help; the mischief is done.

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Community Horse Breeding

"Old Country Jock," Grey Co., Ont.

For what breed of horses is Canada most famous? I don't know. I don't think anyone else does. Perhaps the question is too wide. Well, then, what breed of horse is Barton county or Oxford county or Peterborough county best known for? I guarantee there will be as many different opinions as there are different breeds.

Let me ask another question. How



Wouldn't Such an Outfit Appeal to any Horse Lover!

Mr. Jao. C. Brown, Welland Co., Ont., is best known as a Holstein funder. If he may judge from the illustration he also knows and appreciates a good thing in horse flesh. "Better than an auto," said he.

She stamps as surely upon her offspring those of her undesirable traits, which are dominant over the corresponding traits of the sire. To have a colt born right, so that it will develop right, the characters of both sire and dam should be as similar and ideal as possible. Violent crosses should be avoided. The most prepotent pure-bred sire should be used. The use of all other sires is mere waste of time and money.

Rearing the Foal

Given a foal that is born right its development should not be left to chance or luck. It can only materialize the hereditary possibilities of its breeding if perfectly nourished. The inadequately fed, and consequently stunted foal never attains full size or value. At least one-half of its growth and weight of a horse is attained during the first twelve months of life. That is, therefore, the most important period in the life of a foal.

The pregnant mare should be fully fed to ensure adequate nourishment of her fetus and an abundance of milk for its reception. She should be as well fed while nursing the foal.

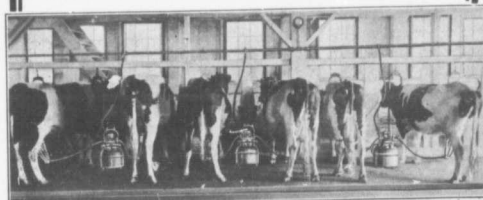
If the foal is to make perfect growth it must, from its earliest days, be provided with oatmeal, then crushed oats and wheat bran, and afterwards an abundance of whole oats, bran, grass, hay and roots. There is no time in the life of a horse when the feeding of oats and bran is so profitable. The foal that is not so fed may lack in maturity 25 per cent. or more of the size, weight, strength, and value possible, through heridity. Overfeeding and pampering must be avoided, however, as they may prove injurious or ruinous.

far will we ever get with horse breeding in this country on the present plan? Scotland has made itself famous by the development of just one breed, the Clydesdale. Sections of England are equally well known for the Shire. Normandy in France has a world-wide reputation as the home of the Percheron. All of these countries have come to the front and attracted buyers from every country of the world because they specialized in their breeding. Not only can they sell to better advantage than we can, but they can breed to better advantage. They have the best of it at both the production and the marketing ends.

Here is a suggestion: Why should not the farmers' clubs, institutes, and so forth in each county get together, thresh it out, decide on a breed, and then stick to that breed? This is only a suggestion. It may not be practicable, but I believe that some way or other those of us who are breeding horses in this country must bring our business down to a community basis.

A Convenient Hearing

The story is told of an old Irishshire farmer who had a habit of feigning deafness when he wanted to avoid answering an awkward question. One day a neighbor said to him: "I'd like to borrow your cart this morning, mine is having a spring mended." "You'll have to speak louder," the old farmer answered. "I don't hear very well—and I don't like to lend my cart anyhow."



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