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Belcher.'

" Easy! easy! This is goin' ter be a tejus mess o' ropes, mebby, an' we got ter keep both eyes shet whilst erinarian. we squint with one and wink with t'other. Wal', I'm sorry ye ain't goin' ter stay long enough ter come round an' git acquainted with my folks, Doctor.

"But at least I congratulate myself, Captain Belcher, on having become acquainted with you.

"Wal, I won't deny that ye'll find me thirty-six inches ter the yard, with plenty over ter 'low f'r shrinkage, ev'ry time. Come 'n see us ag'in. Do. Sorry our ways in this worl' did n' lie par'lel, Doctor,'' concluded Captain Belcher, with a splendid, dismissing, commiserating wave of the hand.

(To be continued.)

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

#### ECZEMA.

Driving mare has a skin disease. Un the shoulders and sides small boils or lumps appear, with great itching, which causes her to rub and bite herself. Also rubs her mane and root of her tail. Mare otherwise feels well and eats well. A. C. W. H.

Ans.-It is eczema. Purge her with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. " I'ollow up with one ounce Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning for two weeks; then cease a week and repeat if necessary. Give her body a good washing with strong, warm soft-soap suds; rub with cloths until dry. Then dress twice daily with corrosive sublimate, 20 grains to a quart of water, taking care to get the dressing on to the skin.

#### JUDGING LEGHORNS AND PLY MOUTH ROCKS.

Please give me the particular points on judging a Leghorn hen and cockerel; also R. C. F. the Buff Rocks.

Ans.-Your correspondent will find nearly all points, etc., fully described in the American Standard of Perfection. This book is copyrighted and may not be quoted. In a general way I might say that White Leghorns require to be snowwhite in color, or as near it as one can hungry." get. A great deal in judging Leghorns depends upon the shape or form. This is very difficult to describe, but can be easily seen in the cuts in the Standard. The ear-lobe should be pure white, combs of the single-comb varieties should be straight on the male and turned or lopped on the female. There should be five serrations in each comb, but addiimportant than one or two extra serra- that it had no cotton in it." tions on the comb. It is desirable also that the tail should not be carried above right angles. Legs and beak, of course, should be yellow in color. The general tractive. They are sprightly and active.

In judging Plymouth Rocks-the Buff variety, of course—the shape is to be taken into consideration; that is, you want true Plymouth Rock shape, and in color you want golden-buff, absolutely free from white or black, if you can get It is not often you can get a Buff bird that is neither white nor black in the plumage. The buff color that is desirable is between a lemon color and a cinnamon, what is termed "golden-buff." In Buff Rocks the comb is much smaller" than in the Leghorns. The legs are yellow and free of feathers.

#### W. R. GRAHAM. RINGBONE ON COLT.

I have a yearling colt that has ringbones. Would you advise me to have them fired or blistered, and what would be best to use, and how? A.S.E.

Ans Firing and blistering, performed by a competent veterinarian, is the treatsuffice. Take 2 drams each biniodide of

time must come soon, Captain day until the scale comes off, then tie monthly as long as necessary, or until it may be concluded to call upon the vet-

#### MARE HAS SORE NECK.

Mare has very sore neck on top, and is very teasy when being harnessed. Please tell me what to do to heal it. R. A. Y.

Ans.-In a leading American exchange last winter we noticed that several teamsters recommended a deer-skin pad, sewed to the flap at the top of the collar, this to insure its staying in place. One correspondent claimed that aside from, the cushion effect, it contained a healing oil. Some horsemen like the zinc pad, while others find it of little or no use. Of course, it goes without saying, that the collar should be carefully fitted to the horse's neck, and kept soft and clean. Buckle the collar tight enough at the top that it will not work back and forth across the neck, but not so tight as to pinch the neck. There should be room at the bottom to pass the hand between the collar and horse's neck. Adjust the hames snugly, and do not have the draft too low on the collar. For the treatment of sores some recommend vaseline, some a mixture of turpentine and lard, while others object to anything greasy, because of its tendency to collect the dust. One horseman recommends first keeping sores clean with warm water and castile soap, then dusting boracic acid on the sores twice a day with a pepper box, or using one ounce each, sulphate of zinc and sugar of lead, in a pint of water. Others use bluestone for the same purpose. We shall be pleased to hear from readers who have had experience in preventing and curing injuries to horses' necks and shoulders.

#### GOSSIP.

Four-year-old Harry was spending the day with his aunt. Dinner was late, and the child began to grow restless. "Auntie," he said, finally, "does God know everything?" "Yes, dear," an-swered his aunt. "Every little thing?" he persisted. "Yes, every little thing," was the reply. "Well, then," he said, in a tone of conviction, "God knows I'm

Henry Clews, the banker and author, was talking at the Union Club in New York about a certain financier. "No wonder the man is so successful," said Mr. Clews. "He is the most suspicious fellow I ever heard of. In fact, he reminds me of a Staffordshire farmer my tional serrations are not so serious a father used to tell of. This farmer, defect as most people are inclined to be- whenever he bought a flock of sheep, exlieve; that is, shape and color are more amined each sheep closely to make sure

In our report of the Canadian National Exhibition, the wrong Mr. Gibson was appearance of a Leghorn is neat and at- mentioned as judge of Hackneys and certain other classes of horses. In writing, the particulars as to name and address were casually noted from the official catalogue, which erroneously gave the name of Mr. Richard Gibson, of Delaware, Ont. It was, instead, his brother, W. H. Gibson, of Beaconsfield, Que., who has previously acted in this capacity at Toronto with excellent satisfaction.

### OUTWITTED THE LANDLORD.

When recently leasing a house in a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia, the lessee failed to examine closely the terms of the lease. After a time, his landlord called and reminded him that he was bound to do all the outside painting at certain intervals. The tenant protested in vain; so he engaged painters and ordered them to paint the whole front of the house red, white and blue-in stripes.

When it was finished the neighborhood rose up in arms, and the landlord was ment recommended for ringbone, though frantic. The tenant politely explained sometimes in colts repeated blistering will that there was nothing in the lease about the color, so he intended to finish the mercury and cantharides and mix with 2 job by painting the back of the house ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the green, with large, yellow spots. The parts, and tie so that he cannot bite landlord saw that he had met his match them, rub well daily for two days, and and within a few days the tenant had a the third day wash off and apply sweet new lease in which the landlord under-Let head loose now. Oil every took to do all the outside painting.



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