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the animal and observe its contour whether there were any deformities. He thought it was correct to go to the horse's head first, because then it was not so liable to strike out. What they, perfectly sound. not so liable to strike out. What they, not so liable to strike out. What they as a rule, looked for there was poll-evil, deformities of the face, or glandular frequently found a horse with a hip enlargements. After that they generally opened the horse's mouth. He did not think a veterinary surgeon examining a horse as to soundness was examining a horse as to soundness was examining a horse as to soundness was examined to state the animal's age, were bound to notify the purchaser to that effect, adding that under ordinary compelled to state the animal's age, indeed he was inclined to think age had

nothing to do with soundness, although of course there were cases where they were in duty bound to give the age. After the mouth they examined the rupture of the scrotum, neck and withers. From the withers The hock question was they went to the shoulders to note if one indeed. There was there was any wasting, capped elbow, etc. Then they proceeded down the fore legs to the knees, examining for splints, ringbones, enlarged tendons or law suits over this matter, but he did ligaments, sidebones, windgalls, bursal not think any of them were justified in enlargements, and any disease of the

With regard to sidebones he did not examining a horse to see if there was think any of them would pass a horse. anything wrong with its feet he had

view and where they could get all round did not think they were always justified the animal and observe its contour— in rejecting a horse that had odd feet. They found, more particularly among Thoroughbred horses, that a very large percentage had odd feet and were yet

that effect, adding that under ordinary hygienic conditions they did not think the animal would take any harm. Another thing they had to look for was

The hock question was a very knotty one indeed. There was no doubt an immense difference of opinion as to soundness in the case of spavins or coarse hocks. They had had plenty of passing a horse as sound which had a coarse hock. At the same time if a There were very few horses free from horse used its hocks well and after a splints, and yet probably in most cases good gallop came to stand in the stable they were of no consequence. When for some time and came out perfectly they got knee spavins, in his opinion, sound, he thought they were quite they were not justified in passing a justified in recommending a client to horse as sound, because at times there buy the animal. At least he would, and was nothing more troublesome. And often did in such cases. They should the same thing applied to splints interfering with the ligaments.

When they were world, and often did in such cases. They should not, however, pass a horse as sound with curby hocks. When they were



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In case of windgalls and bursal enlarge- detect cramp or shivers. ments in horses having had grass or keen turned out to grass, they generally found that after they had had a horse out for a time and had trotted and great advocate of seeing a horse walk. galloped it that these things disappeared. So, as a rule, when he dis-back he always made a practice of covered windgalls or bursal enlarge-ments under these conditions, although was a grunter then he looked upon it he might mention it in his certificate, with the greatest suspicion. He he gave the opinion that these things were not likely to interfere with the

Canker, thrush and corns were very grunting was one on which there wa easily detected, but not so seedy toe. considerable difference of opinion.

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The standard of the standard too—looked upon the standard too th of taking off a shoe to examine a horse's foot and see whether it had a seedy toe? It was very rare indeed that they had the chance, and it had often struck He looked very suspiciously upon a him whether a veterinary surgeon was grunter, and he would be very chary

and which really had a seedy toe.

There were no two opinions about that, often found that was the best time to

Now they had gone fairly well over Previous to getting on to the horse's thought it was always wise when galloping a horse for its wind not only to horse's usefulness, and were only temporary.

Then they came to the feet. As a rule they looked for corns, canker, thrush, and sundry other diseases.

Canker thrush and corns were very grunting was one on which there was men of high standing too-looked upon grunting as of no consequence. Some argued that grunting was not a disease responsible when he was not able to indeed in passing a horse as sound that have the shoes off and he passed a horse was a grunter. In fact his own experience was that a grunter, although he are were other diseases of the feet, might not make a noise at the time of as sand-cracks, which were easily examination, in ninety-nine cases out ted. Then there were horses with of a hundred took the first opportunity contracted feet, weak flat feet and of doing so. There was another thing that often troubled them in the exami-They knew that contracted feet, that often troubled them in the examieted heels, flat feet and weak nation of horses as to their wind, and here constituted unsoundness, but he that was where they got a peculiar



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