

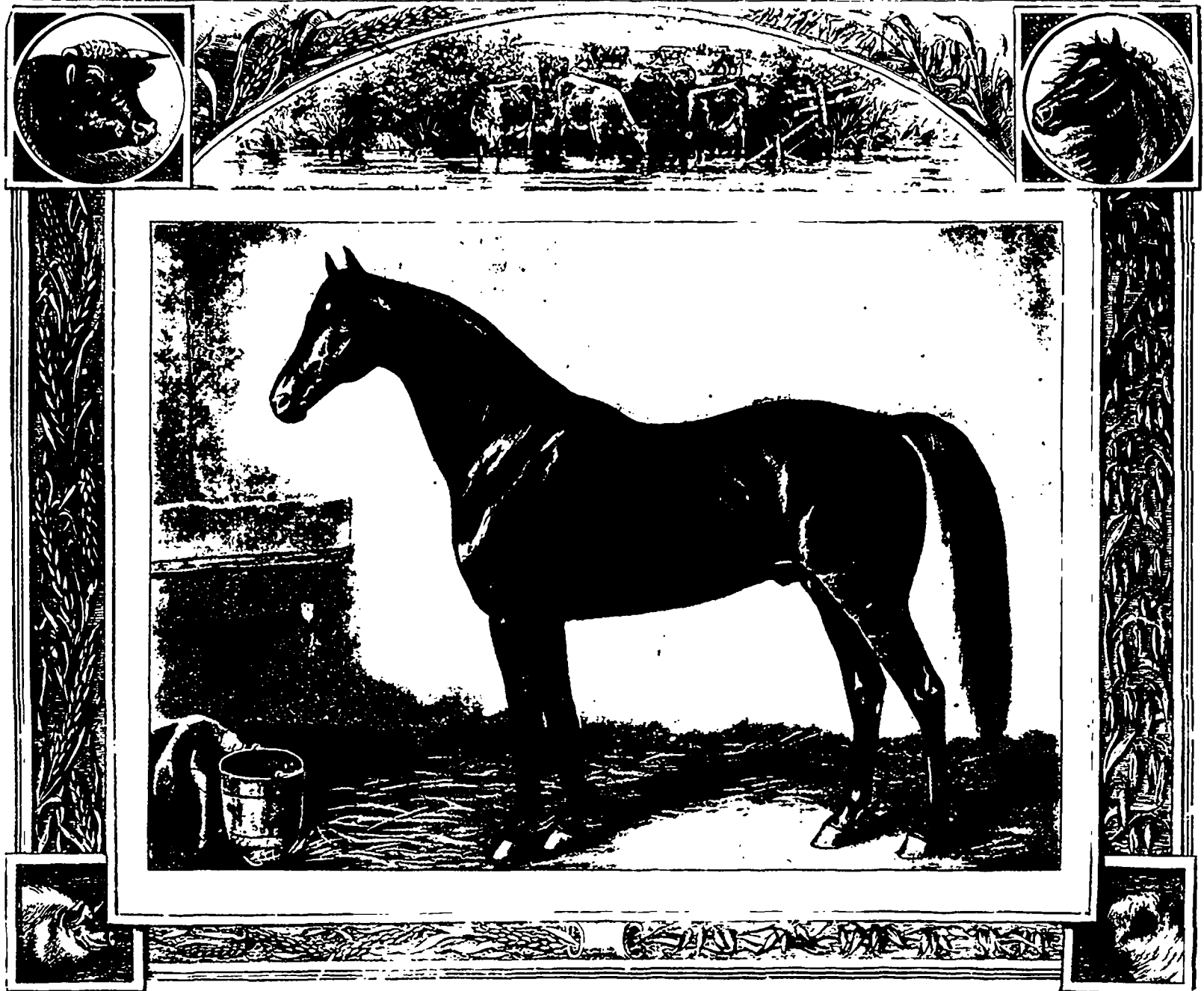
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The Champion Thoroughbred Stallion, Mikado.

The property of Mr. R. Davies, Thorncliffe Farm, Toronto.

Our Illustration.

Who has not heard of Mr. Robert Davies, champion Thoroughbred Stallion Mikado, a beautiful half-bred of whom embellishes our front page? Not only is he the champion thoroughbred of Canada, but also of America, having won first at New York and first at the World's Fair against all comers. Mr. Davies has not recently exhibited him for competition, as he is quite satisfied with his horse's successful career. He will, however, have him paraded in the ring at the great horse show

this month in Toronto, where those who have not previously seen him will be able to do so. Mikado is a beautiful rich brown in color, standing 16½ hands and weighing 1,300 pounds. He was specially imported by Mr. Davies with a view of improving the horses of this country for saddle and military purposes, for which his great quality and undoubted substance render him particularly serviceable. He is the model of a hunter-getter and his good paces at the walk, trot, and gallop and his good temper combined with his perfect shape have always caught the eye of the judges.

His breeding is of the best. His sire was King Ernest (imp) a son of King Tom, and his dam Mimi by Eclipse (imp). He has in his veins the blood of Touchstone from both sire and dam, while through his sire he traces to the distinguished Pocahontas, by Glencoe.

Mikado as a three-year-old won the great Omnibus stakes at Monmouth Park, 1½ miles, beating all the best horses of his year. In his only race at four years old, when only half-trained, he won the Harlem stakes at Jerome Park 1 mile and a furlong, carrying 118 pounds and defeating Duchess, Himalaya, Richmond,

and St. Louis. In fact, he was on all hands admitted to be the best horse of his year. Mr. Davies may well be proud of his horse and the stock that he is leaving, both in his own stud and throughout the country.

Our illustration is taken from a beautiful oil painting of Mikado, executed by that celebrated animal painter, Mr. Paul Wickson, Paris, Ont., who has put on canvas so many of the best horses in the country, and whose work has given such great satisfaction everywhere. The painting of this horse is certainly one of his best efforts.