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FASHIONS IN COLOR OF HORSES.

Chestnut the Most Approved in England Just Now.

With regard to horses used for pleasure and sport in this country there has generally been a fashion, probably at the present moment breeders of hackneys are the most particular with regard to color, for the t. last hackney show it was "neutral" noticed how greatly chestnut has become the ascendant. It is possibly the case, too, that a majority of the best stepping horses one sees in the Park are in these days chestnuts; many handsome bays and browns there are, too, but the chestnuts are now almost strongest numerically of those horses which appear to be of purely Hackney blood.

Of course, when one sees a smart pair go quickly past which one is unable to identify, it is impossible to say offhand whether they are true, that is, stud book—hackney or not; but the breed has much such enormous strides in recent years that it is now possible to guess with a fair amount of certainty which of the horses one sees in the park or in the west end street are stud book Hackneys. Not only have the numbers increased, but so also has the desire to be possessed of these horses, and thus the harness horse of obvious hackney cut is far more in evidence than he was a few years ago. As the light built Victoria has succeeded the heavy barouches, so has the lighter made stepping horse succeeded the bigger and stronger harness horse of the Cleveland bay or Yorkshire coach horse type; and whereas a generation ago bay was almost certainly the dominating color in the park, it now hardly more than shares the honors with chestnut and brown.

Bay and brown are, it need hardly be stated, the commonest colors among all half bred horses, and thus the ordinary pair of general utility carriage horses, possibly good enough and honest nags out with no great pretensions to breeding or action, are as a rule either bay or brown; but if one ignores the ordinary harness horse and only takes cognizance of the showy trapper, chestnut will be found to have made a great advance. This, coupled with the fact that so many of the stabling winners are chestnut, certainly suggests that breeders of stud book Hackneys have deliberately tried to produce horses of this color.

The evidence as to fashion in the color of teams is no very pronounced, though it is almost certain that every four-in-hand driver has some particular fancy in this direction. In the hunting field fashion in color is not much observed, but it is pretty certain that there are nothing like so many good gray horses as there used to be a few years ago. It is seldom that a skewball or piebald horse is seen in the hunting field, while a roan is rare, and when he is to be found is more often a blue roan than a straw-berry roan. As for the decline of the gray, this is simply due to the fact that there are very few gray sires in the country.—The Field.

CHARLES II. AND HIS WIT.

Interesting Stories Told of the Merry Monarch's Repartee.

The excitement caused by the Hohenzollern memoirs is by no means over, and the emperor has been greatly vexed thereby. But William II. is not the first crowned head who has been annoyed by uncomfortable chronicles. Charles II., careless as his nature was, had many an uneasy quarter of an hour over the burlesque and pasquinades of his day. The court that included Sir George Ethelredge, Sir Charles Sedley, and Thomas Killigrew could scarcely fail to cost its master dear. But, unlike the German emperor, King Charles had a fine sense of humor and found his best defense in the armory of his own satire and wit.

On one occasion Gregorio Leti, an accomplished Milanese, made his appearance at Whitehall. "I hear, Leti," said the king, "you are occupying yourself in writing a history of the English court." Leti admitted that he was collecting materials for such an undertaking. "But you must take care that your work gives no offense," his majesty went on. "Sir," replied the Italian, "I will do my best to be careful, but if a man were as wise as Solomon he would scarce be able to avoid treading on somebody's toes." "Solomon!" cried Charles. "Be then, as wise as Solomon. He wrote proverbs and a song—not histories!" Many anecdotes of King Charles are worth retelling. Possessing real wit himself, he valued it in others. It was the quick response of Colonel Blood which brought before the king to answer for having taken the regalia from the tower that saved the rascal's head. "My father," avowed the audacious colonel, "lost

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"I don't believe I remember ever having seen a fly screen in England," he continued, "that is, the wire screens that are generally used here. There are a few mosquito bars, made of cotton netting. I don't know why we have not adopted the wire screens, for we certainly suffer great annoyance from flies, gnats and mosquitoes. In many kitchens and meat markets fly paper is used, but it is anything but encouraging to the appetite. One difficulty, which, however, I suppose could be overcome in the way of introducing wire screens, would be the almost universal use of French windows. These open outward and it might be necessary to place the screens on the inside of the windows. Doors, of course, could be easily put up."

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SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW.

Plan of the Pacific Coast Securities Company Absolutely Safe

The old idea of "nothing new under the sun" is completely put to flight by the Pacific Coast Securities Company of Portland, Oregon, in handling the stock of the Sea Island Copper Company. This company, whose officers are business men of many years' experience, have perfected a plan whereby the investor's money is under his own control and he does not take the stock until earnings and accrued dividends are satisfactory. "Something to See You Think," has just been issued to the public, and it is valuable to anyone contemplating investment in corporate enterprises.

Moki Beauties.

The average Moki woman is, perhaps invariably, not large or obese. Short in stature, plump and round of form, of pleasing countenance, with beautiful jet black hair banged at the eyes, when clad in tasteful and colored blankety she presents a picture fair indeed to see. The manner of wearing the hair distinguishes the married woman from the virgin. The latter wears her black tresses gracefully done up in a large round coil several inches in diameter over each ear and projecting out from the head somewhat. The effect is delightfully novel, and coupled with the fresh and youthful appearance of the girls make them special objects of interest. They used to be termed "side-wheelers" from their mode of dressing the hair.—Maxwell's Talisman.

CURIOS FLIGHT OF TOPPEFIELD.

English Village With 23 Girls and Only 11 Boys in Its School.

The rural village of Toppefield, in North Essex, has become prominent on account of a remarkable phenomena in the births recorded there. During the last decade the great preponderance of girls born in the parish has been noticed, and at the present moment it has a scholars attending the village school comprise ninety-three girls but only eleven boys. In consequence of this the county education authority is contemplating the substitution of a schoolmistress for the present schoolmaster.

But among those belonging to the place the present state of affairs has aroused considerable concern, and the question is being asked where the farm laborers of the future are to come from if matters do not change. The medical officer of the district has been consulted, but he can ascribe no cause for the greater number of girls.—London Chronicle.

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SHOWS VALUE OF HEREDITY.

Candidate for Parliament at Last Declares His Religious Belief.

A Parliamentary candidate was being heckled. One of the questions had reference to the religious denomination to which he belonged. "Well," he said, "you asked me an honest question and you shall have a straightforward answer. My grandmother was a Scotch woman—a rigid Presbyterian."

Obvious disappointment was shown in the faces of the audience, so the candidate proceeded: "My grandfather was English and therefore a member of the Church of England."

Still no enthusiasm, but rather the reverse. "My father, on the other hand, was a good Baptist," went on the desperate candidate, who was still unrewarded by applause. He grew anxious, so hurriedly added: "But my dear old mother, long since dead, was a Methodist."

Instantly all faces were radiant, so he concluded: "And, gentlemen, I follow the precepts of my dear old mother. I'm a Methodist and I don't care who knows it!"—London Mail.

Tobacco Test for Novels.

(Cleveland Leader.) The other day in a public library in London an attendant noticed a young girl sniffing suspiciously at the books. When he asked the reason for her strange conduct she told him that she was looking for a novel. "To see if it smells of tobacco," she said. "I know it's a book a man has been reading and has put his pipe in it. This is a novel literary test, but I was once in some feminine institution."

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The Mystery of Longevity.

Bulgaria has 3,800 centenarians, about one to every 1,000 inhabitants. Rumania has 1,000 and Serbia 572. Students of longevity records in Europe are asking why the countries least advanced in hygienic standards lead thus in the tables of centenarians. The United States, with a population of more than 75,000,000, had by the census of 1900 more than 2,500 centenarians, making about one-twentieth of the rate shown in Bulgaria. No answer has ever been given in the case of an individual centenarian which would show the tests of the 100-year class in general. One person will say abstinence kept him strong, another that moderate drinking helped him. Tobacco will have been abused on the one hand, the pipe have been a comfort on the other. Sometimes a life of hard work or again to preservative days of leisure will the credit be given.

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