

vicious, and a vicious horse is troublesome, to say the least.

Many make the mistake of increasing the grain ration to overtired horses. During a few days of very hard work, the feed of oats is often increased fifty per cent. This is not always in the best interests of the horse, although the feeder firmly believes it is. Such rapid increases, when the horse's energy is being all expended at his work, leaving very little in reserve to be used in the process of digestion, leaves the animal in a fit state for colic or acute indigestion.

Where extremely hard work is done, it is best to prepare the horse for it by increasing his ration little by little, so that it is at its maximum before the animal is thrust into the over-taxing labor. If it is to last for a few days only, it would be better not to increase it at all than to feed a heavy feed only on the days of the extra work. An overtired horse positively cannot properly digest a concentrate feed which is far in excess of that to which he is accustomed.

There are hundreds of little things which make for the welfare of the working horse—little things which any driver can do if he takes an interest in his team, and which common sense should teach him to be right. Give the hard-worked horses every attention possible, and they will amply repay you for the trouble.

#### Killing Sow Thistles

An American magazine says that it is an excellent plan to disc the field infested with sow thistles. It suggests, however, that unless the land can be disced thoroughly enough to entirely destroy all of the leaves of the sow thistle, it would be better to plow in the summer, then keep it thoroughly disced and harrowed during the fall so that no growth could start. A safer crop for the land, or one that would be more likely to enable one to kill out the sow thistles, would be corn, or if this is not possible barley. By sowing the barley early in the spring, the crop could be removed early enough so that the land could be plowed at once and give the sow thistles a hard rub again next fall, by preventing them from growing for the last three months of the season.

#### Chrysler's Farm

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In the opening up of our great West and North there is a tendency on the part of Canadians to forget the early beauty spots of our land, or if they are remembered, to consign them to the background of the past. One

#### THE STORY OF BILL.

(A Sad Tale with a Very Practical Moral.)

There was a man, his name was Bill,  
Who never used a fanning mill;  
He sowed just any kind of seed—  
To fan it said there was no need.

The weeds grew rank—they mostly do—  
Grey, white and yellow, red and blue;  
But yellow seemed the favorite shade,  
In gold the fields were all arrayed.

Years came and went—that's nothing new—  
And Bill kept on a-farming too,  
But still he never fanned his seeds  
And thicker matted grew the weeds.

Bill shipped his grain—I mean his weeds—  
He kept stock to eat the seeds—  
His grade "rejected" always went  
With dockage sixty-five per cent.

I'll cut it short—the story's sad—  
The sheriff came; the sale went bad.  
And now a hired man named Bill,  
Revolves his neighbor's fanning mill.  
—G.B.

#### Free Trip to the Winnipeg Exhibition for 100 Boys from the Farms of Manitoba

The Canadian Industrial Exhibition at Winnipeg have instituted a Farm Boys' Club for their forthcoming Exhibition, July 8th to 16th; the Association undertaking at their expense to bring to Winnipeg 100 boys from the farms of Manitoba, paying transportation, supplying them with their meals, and lodging whilst in Winnipeg. To enter the contest a boy, between the ages of 14 and 19, must write an essay on "The Prairie Farm" (1) How best to improve it; (2) Why I wish to remain on it; (3) The necessity of mixed farming; (4) How to make farm life more enjoyable; the same to be delivered to the Association on or before May 1st, and the 100 boys who have forwarded the best essays will be chosen for the trip. In addition to the trip \$200 is offered in prizes for the best four essays in such a way that one boy may win \$80 in a special prize in addition to having the benefit of the trip. When in Winnipeg the boys will visit the stockyards, some of the principal factories, car shops, etc. Full particulars may be obtained from any school teacher or school inspector or directly from A. W. Bell, manager, Winnipeg. The Club will be under the control of Principal Black of Manitoba Agricultural College, R. Fletcher, Deputy Minister of Education and the Association.

hundred years ago the possibilities of our prairies and mines were almost undreamed of, but the early settler was well satisfied with his grant of land in old Ontario. The tract of country lying along the shores of the St. Lawrence river was at that period one of the richest farming districts to be found anywhere in the New World. The counties of Dundas and Stormont were well peopled with the Scotch, to whom "race suicide" was an unknown term, families of ten, twelve and fourteen children being nothing phenomenal. The Dutch too were a boon to Ontario, many of whom were of the United Empire Loyalist body and who equalled, if not excelled, the Scot in farming aptitude, industry and thrift. The roads of a century ago were well-travelled, though innocent of macadam, and the old river road—so called because it followed closely the windings of the majestic St. Lawrence—was the main highway. Except in parts where its route could not be improved upon the old river road has been superseded by the broad thoroughfare of the present day.

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