SHIRE AND CLYDESDALE.

Breeds That Resemble, But Yet Have Distinctive Between Them.

It need hardly be said that the two breeds resemble one another more or less closely in general appearance, and that they plainly show the fact that they are related to one another. Shire horses are, as a rule, weightier and possess more substance than Clydesdales, and the former are on an average somewhat bigger animals than the latter. It would, of course, be wrong to think that this is invariably the case; this is not so, because a heavy Clydesdale horse may be weightier and altogether bigger than a light and small Shire; but comparing the breeds in a general way, the above holds good. Clydesdales have more sloping shoulders and also more oblique pasterns than the average Shire, Scotch breeders having paid great attention to obtaining a good slope of shoulder and pastern in their animals. The slope of the shoulder and of the pastern is one of the main points of distinction between Shire and Clydesdale. Further, the head of a Shire horse and that of a Clydesdale differ considerably from one another, or, at any rate, should do so in first-class animals of the two breeds. In Clydesdales in which there is a considerable strain of Shire blood, the Shire type of head is often apparent, and may crop up in an animal which is bred from pure-bred Clydesdale parents. The leg-feathering is, on the whole, less abundant in the Clydesdale than is the case in the Shire. Clydesdales are remarkable for their good walking action, which is free and light, and shows good length of stride. This is due largely to the well-placed shoulder and pastern, as these parts are nice and sloping the walking action of a horse is generally good, provided the animal possesses courage and is of an active disposition.—Farmer and Stockbreeder.

Bladder Campion.

In many parts of the Province of Ontario quite a number of farms have developed a weed that is generally known in some districts as wild live-for-ever. It threatens to be considerable trouble in some

BLADDER CAMPION.

ces; indeed from numerous accounts it seems to be very widespread in this Province. Cultivation, growing such crops as roots, and red clover, are the best means of eradicating.

Why and When to Caponize.

The chief reason for caponizing cockerels is to get a larger profit out of them. Good capons generally sell at a higher price per pound than poultry. They also weigh more and are marketed at a time when the flock is bringing little returns. A flock of capons are quiet, do not crow and are easily taken care of.

The best breeds to caponize are the medium sized varieties such as Plymouth Rock, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, etc. The Asiatics do not give as satisfactory results unless kept until they reach maturity, when they are so large as to be beyond the reach of private families. It does not pay to caponize smaller breeds, because they do not produce dressed fowls of the highest quality. Capons are usually marketed at from 8 to 12 months of age, and the demand for them opens soon after the holidays.

The best time to caponize is when the cockerels are three to four weeks old. At this age the operation can be performed with less danger than when the birds are older and larger. A bright, sunny day should be chosen for the operation and the birds must have been fasted for at least 24 hours previous. A special set of instruments are necessary for the purpose, and the work requires good care. One may easily acquire skill by practicing on a few birds.

Care of Early Pullets.

Chickens intended for early laying should be fed extra well and grow along as quickly as possible, on sound, plain foods, as much as they will eat. Be careful not to feed too heavily on grain. They will do much better if allowed to range at will and pick up their food. If you are rearing for stock birds they are healthier and do better if fed on a food or food that is well balanced. Market stock can be forced faster on soft food, but the process is attended with more or less

Give good pullets that will become good hens and make prolific layers the best care must be given at the time they are hatched when their combs turn red. Place the cocks and females separately in November, if convenient. The pullets will come through their moult in better condition and put on flesh up after shedding their feathers in good shape. This is a gain.

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Dangerous Sport.

When a boy or two get killed on the Fifth Avenue hill, or a pedestrian has hir legs broken or a runaway is caused, the authorities may take action to stop the reckless sleigh riding that is carried on right in the heart of the city. Last week it was as much as a man's life was worth to walk up Toronto Street, and several runaways were narrowly avoided.

The sleigh-riders run down Fifth Avenue to Toronto Street and then most of them turn and continue their course right into the store section. At night it is most dangerous to riders and pedestrians, as the sidewalk is used. In addition the walk is made so slippery that it can scarcely be walked on.

This continued for some days, and absolutely nothing was done to stop it. When the city gets a bill for damages from some injured resident it will begin to realize that such a dangerous sport is scarcely of a size wth the streets of a city. It is reported that already a boy had his fingers cut off.

Since writing the above it is reported, the chief has stopped the sleigh-riding, but it should not have been allowed to go on for one hour.

Agricultural Society Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting Dec. 19th. Present; W. C. Harris, 1stvice.-pres., in the chair, Messrs. Wm. Houghton, Black McCutcheon, Pingle, Ireland, J. Shields, A. E. Whiffen, W. E. Porter, Major Hollinger.

Minutes of last general meeting read and confirmed.

Discussion took place as to finding ground for show purposes. Moved by Porter and Whiffen that committee be appointed. Messrs. Whiffen, Rae and Harris were appointed. as the committee.

Secretary Bray read annual report and on motion of Pingle and Porter it was received and adopted.

Auditors made the rekort that they had concluded their labors.

Election of officere resulted as follows;

Pres., W. C. Harris; 1st vice-pres. J. K. Drinnan; 2nd vice-pres., R. M. McCutcheon; sec.-treas., J. H. G. Bray.

On motion of Messrs. Pingle and McCutcheon it was resolved that there should be twelve directors and the following were appointed; A. E. Whiffen, John Hawke, Major Hollinger, Wm. Houghton, W. E. Porter, Thos. Littleford, W. H. Hunt, Mayor Cousins, D. Black, D. Caighill, J. Shields, F. G. Forster, John Ellis, Auditors; F. S. Pingle and W. H. Ireland.

The Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture for the province of Alberta was elected Hon.-Pres.

A communication was read stating that the seed fair would be held February 5th, 29th, when auditors report and other business will be taken up.

The meeting then adjourned to Sat.

Christmas Sweetmeats.

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