

GOSSIP.

To have a horse properly trained to observe your commands when you speak to him will sometimes save you from a serious runaway.

Some farmers are constantly using the word "Whoa" in driving and directing their horses, yet failing to bring their horses to a standstill when the command is uttered. These animals are not very likely to stop when something goes wrong and the driver orders them to stand still. We have on the other hand, seen a badly-frightened horse, which was just commencing to run, come to a sudden halt at the command of his master. Just the difference in training, you know. —[Dominion City Echo.

The Japanese themselves attribute their high average of physical strength to a frugal diet and the system of gymnastics called jiu-jitsu, which includes a knowledge of anatomy, and of the external uses of water. Although during the period of their ascendancy the Samurai kept the secret that their great physical superiority was due in a great measure to the internal and external use of water, the belief that if used liberally and intelligently, water is an infallible weapon against disease is now generally held. By those who go in for jiu-jitsu an average of one gallon a day is drunk. It is noteworthy that rheumatism is almost unknown in Japan; it is probable that the absence of meat from the diet, combined with the use of plenty of water, accounts for this immunity.

A Scotsman who visits Ireland frequently tells an amusing story of his last stay in the land of the shamrock. For some reason or other he found that a suit of clothes he was anxious to wear were much too tight for him. He parcelled them up and despatched a servant to a tailor in the next street with them. He enclosed a note which directed that they were "to be let out."

A few days afterwards, as there was no sign of the return of the suit, he went down to the tailor and said:

"What about my clothes, young man? I sent them down last week to be let out."

"Oh, most successful, most successful, sir," was the reply with much glee, "I have let them out for a month at a shilling a week!"

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was one day talking about industry.

"Our industry," he said, smiling, "should not be of such a nature that the remark once applied to a certain Scot could ever be applied to us. Two old farmers were walking up a road near Dunfermline, when one of the pair, shading his eyes from the sun, pointed to a distant field and said:

"I wonder if that figure over there is a scarecrow?"

"He paused and considered the matter for awhile and then, in a satisfied tone, concluded:

"Yes, it must be a scarecrow. It's not moving."

"But the other Scot had a sharper pair of eyes, and perhaps a better understanding of human nature.

"No," he said, dryly, "it's not a scarecrow; it's only a man working by the day."

The catalogue of 26 registered Shorthorn cattle, 20 females and 6 bulls, property of Mr. H. Parker, Durham, G. T. R., Ont., to be sold, June 22nd, by Capt. T. E. Robson, auctioneer, on the terms of nine months' credit, reveals that the cattle are a very well-bred lot indeed. The imported roan three-year-old Kilblean Beauty bull, Verschoyle =36125=, bred by Mr. Bruce, of Heatherwick, and sired by Sturdy Prince, by Prince of Archers, is included in the dispersion, as are five of his yearling sons. The females represent such good families as Cruickshank, Lustre, Kinellar, Claret, Syme, and several other good feeding and milking strains. Durham is the terminus of the Palmerston and Durham branch of the G. T. R., and is 26 miles from Palmerston Junction, reached from Guelph, Stratford and Owen Sound.

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Before the Committee on Agriculture, at Ottawa, recently, Mr. J. H. Gridale, agriculturist, completed his statement of results obtained in feeding steers and hogs for market at the Central Experimental Farm. He reported that steers allowed to run loose in box stalls cost one-third of a cent. less per pound of added flesh than did the same grades and ages when fed tied up. Those fed in a loose box also cost less for labor and attendance. The comparative cost of adding 100 lbs. of flesh at different ages was as follows: Three-year-olds, \$5.22; two-year-olds, \$4.30, and one-year-olds, \$4.50; and the sale price averaged \$7.91 per 100 lbs. In hog-fattening experiments those animals living and fed outside in the open cost two cents per pound of added flesh more than those housed and fed in pens. Shorts and skimmed milk has been found by actual test the best food for young weaned pigs.

A new advertiser of Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale horses and Oxford Down sheep, is Mr. Richard Wilkin, of Springfield Stock Farm, Harriston, Ont., 50 miles from Guelph, on the Southampton branch of the G. T. R., and 40 miles from Stratford on the Warton branch. Though a new advertiser in the "Advocate," Mr. Wilkin is a breeder of some years' standing, who believing in getting the best, has established a herd of very useful Shorthorns, headed by the Scotch-bred Provost =37865=, bred by H. Cargill & Son, from imported sire and dam, a fine large, straight bull, that will weigh over a ton now, in his three-year-old form, in only good breeding condition. He is getting nice stock of good quality, and has been a winner at local shows, as have also several of the females in the herd. One of the oldest of the cows is Gipsy Queen, of the Kinellar Mina family, bred by J. & W. Russell. Her daughter, Gipsy Queen of Minto, by Minto Chief, is another good one. Mount Forest Lady, a fine, large, roomy, good milker, is a very useful cow that is raising some good young things. Later additions have been made to the herd by purchasing from Messrs. Cargill, at a good price, Castilla O., bred from imported sire and dam. She has produced a very nice bull that is ready for service now, sired by Provost. Mayflower 3rd, a three-year-old, imported by Messrs. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, Que., and sold at their sale at Hamilton last year, was knocked down to this breeder, and has produced an especially nice heifer calf. There is also a very nice yearling bull, by Provost, from Red Rose, a Minto Chief cow, that should do someone good service.

Clydesdales are represented by Lilly Alexander, imported by Dalgety Bros., London, Ont. This mare is being bred to one of the best horses that can be found, and will, no doubt, give a good account of herself. There are also others here eligible for registry.

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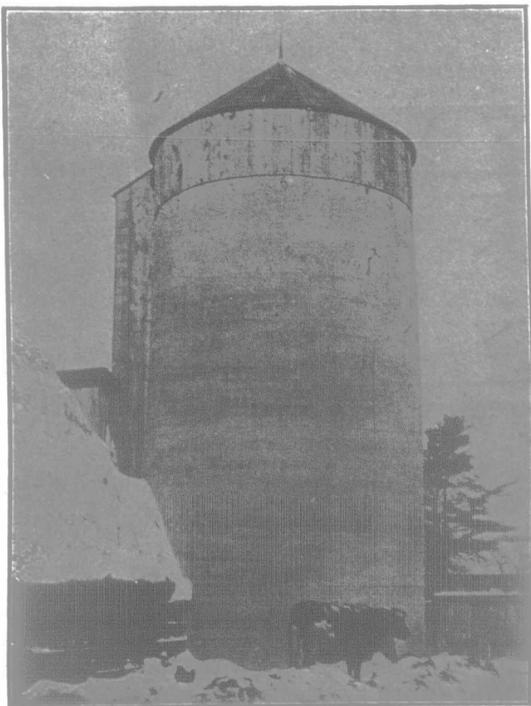
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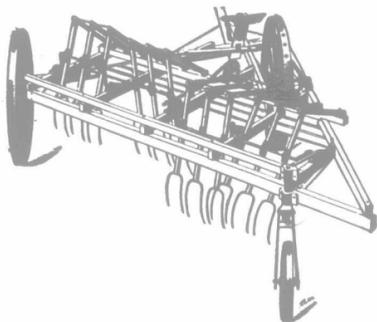
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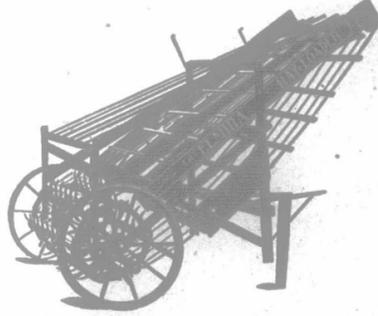
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