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## FRENCH STALLION LAW.

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From our French exchanges we translate the law governing stallions in France. The French Government has for hundreds of years had this oversight and control over the breeding of their horses. It is therefore no wonder that they have bred their draught horses in their purity, with a sound, hardy constitution, under this rigid veterinary inspection and Government control. This is why the French breeders do not feel the need of stud books as we do, but we trust they will establish the same rigid law compelling honest registration of all their draught horses in the future.

The new law adopted by the French Government in relation to the oversight of stallions is as follows:—

ARTICLE 1. A stallion that is neither approved nor authorized by the administration of the haras (officials conducting the Government breeding stables) cannot be used to serve mares belonging to others than his owner, without being furnished with a certificate showing that he neither has the heaves nor a periodic discharge.

ART 2. This certificate, good for one year, will be furnished free, after examination of the stallion by a commission appointed by the Minister of Agriculture.

ART. 3. Every stallion used for service, that may be approved, authorized or furnished with a certificate as aforesaid, shall be branded under the mane. In case the approval, authorization or certificate is revoked, the letter R shall be branded in the same way above the former mark.

ART. 4. In case of violation of this law the owner and the manager of the stallion shall be

punished by a fine of from 50 to 500 francs: a second violation shall be punished by a double fine.

ART. 5. Owners who have their mares served by a stallion that is neither approved nor authorized nor furnished with a certificate, shall be liable to a fine of from 16 to 50 francs.

ART. 6. The mayors, commissaries of police, rural guards, gendarmes, and all the agents and officers of the police, the inspectors-general of the haras, the directors, sub-directors and overseers of the stallion stations, and the chiefs of the Government stations, duly sworn, shall be qualified to take cognizance of violations of this law.

ART. 7. An order from the Ministry shall regulate the composition of the commission, the time of its meetings, the manner and condition of the examination, and all the measures necessary for conducting the same.