

was a very Hercules in strength, and lithe as a cat, yet "Whoa, old horse!" uttered in the deep guttural voice, derived from the Iroquois blood mingled with his African parentage, had more power to control the eager spirit of the horse than even the strength of his massive arm, which, bared to the elbow, might have excited the envy of Mars himself. The same words given in playful tones would send the horse bounding again. Great good feeling existed between Hambletonian and Harmon. For many years before his death the horse would steadily refuse to eat food placed before him by any other hand.

What an influence will follow the work of "the old hero of Chester."

"The Avon to the Severn runs,
The Severn to the sea,"
And Wickliff's blood shall spread abroad
Far as the waters be."

THE *Western Rural* tells of a man who plants, two or three weeks after the crop is planted, a new hill of corn every fifteenth row, each way. And this is the reason: If the weather becomes dry after the filling time, the silk and tassels both become dry and dead. In this condition, if it should become seasonable, the silk revives and renews its growth, but the tassels do not recover. Then, for want of pollen, the new silk is unable to fill the office for which it was designed. The pollen from the replanted corn is then ready to supply silk, and the filling is completed. He says nearly all the abortive ears, so common in all corn crops, are caused by the want of pollen, and he has known ears to double their size in thus filling.

THE sixth volume of the American Jersey Herd Book is now in course of preparation. The five previous volumes, bound in one book, contain 3224 pedigrees numbered, also the descriptions of many animals. In compiling the sixth volume, the Editor has had the counsel and co-operation of an advisory board of prominent breeders from each of the several States where breeding Jersey cattle is receiving attention, and the work will consequently possess additional merit and value. It is to be continued in the future, as in the past, without ostentation, in the quiet pursuance of a purpose which we hope will be commended by all whose object is the improvement of Jersey stock and the dissemination of information concerning it. The Editor is Mr. O. B. Hardwen, of Worcester, Mass.

An American Merino Sheep Register has been established. The method seems to be to identify every ewe as thoroughly bred by placing a tab in the ear. The rams are named, like cattle.

It will be seen from a report in another column that the first May flowers of the season were in bloom on the rock work in the Edinburgh Botanic Garden on 31st March.

WE are indebted to W. H. Blanchard, Esq., Windsor, for interesting particulars of the quantity of butter produced by Mr. O'Brien's cow, which will be found in another column.

THE other day we noticed the Cowslips smiling as sweetly on the sunny banks of Bellahill as if they were at home, nestling under the hedge of an English lane.

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