

Stock.

Percheron Horses.

The accompanying illustration shows the intense interest which the Percheron men are taking in their favorite breed of horses. Their zeal is laudable, but it is to be hoped that they will keep within the bounds of right and reason, and not boom up the breed for more than it is worth. The genuine Percheron has a fitting place in the battle of breeds, and nobody interested in draft horses should miss this opportunity of seeing what is claimed to be the best draft horse exhibit that has ever been held. The building is 700 feet in length, and is built by the American Percheron Horse Breeders Association. It is expected that nearly 300

What Constitutes Unsoundness?

It is not always easy to say what constitutes unsoundness in the horse. Some affections cause unsoundness in the later and not in the earlier stages, and there are still others which may or may not be transmitted to the offspring. The feet and legs are the seat of many forms of unsoundness. The ideal of a perfect horse should first be understood before the weak points can be detected with ease and certainty.

Those affections which are usually regarded as producing unsoundness are the following:—Corns; founder or laminitis; quittors; a cut nerve; thrush (in severe cases); thickening of the back sinews; farcy and glanders; spavin (bone, blood or bog spavin); ossification of

unsoundness or vice than upon the names employed to express them.

Horses affected with the following would not be regarded as unsound:—Curby hocks; thorough-pin; slight bog spavin; contraction of the foot; splints; broken knees, the joint not being injured.

These affections do not constitute unsoundness in the incipient stages. Contraction of the hoof, when it results from disease, is regarded as an unsoundness. Soreness of the joints, when caused by over-work, is not an unsoundness, and windgalls are not regarded as an unsoundness.

A written contract should always be entered into in case of suspicion of unsoundness, and it should never be loosely worded. The fol-



BUILDING ESPECIALLY ERECTED FOR PERCHERON HORSE EXHIBIT AT ILLINOIS STATE FAIR, CHICAGO, SEPT. 6-11.

pure bred Percherons from the United States and Canada will be on exhibition, and there will also be a display of several hundred grade Percherons in harness.

The jury of awards has been appointed by the highest official representatives of agriculture in three great nations, the Minister of Agriculture of France having appointed Marquis de la Motte Rogne, Inspector General of the National Studs; Commissioner Colman having appointed the Hon. George B. Loring, ex-Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Minister of Agriculture of Canada having appointed Prof. Andrew Smith, President of the College of Veterinary Surgery at Toronto.

Should you raise stock in order that you may grow feed, or grow feed in order that you may raise stock? The settlement of this question will decide the nature of your farm operations for many years to come.

structures adjoining any of the joints, also ossification of the lateral cartilages; curbs; pumiced foot; ring bones; side bones; string halt; breaking down; broken wind; thick wind; whistling; roaring; grease and mange; megrimes; chronic cough; weaving in the stable; roaring; shying; balking; vicious kicking; cataract; ophthalmia; broken knees; biting; bolting; crib biting.

This category includes what are usually known as vices which are not actual diseases, but which have the same effect in contracting for the purchase of horses. A vice impairs the natural usefulness of a horse as well as an unsoundness proper, although the latter may be defined to be the existence of a disease or alteration of structure which hinders him from efficiently performing the duties naturally devolving upon him. It often happens that more depends upon the intensity of a given

lowing form of document serves the purpose very well:—

Toronto, Sept. 1, 1886.

Received from J. G. the sum of two hundred dollars for a brown mare by Warrior, dam Lady Belle; warranted to be six year old, sound, free from vice, and quite gentle in the harness and under the saddle. F. R.

Go to the Exhibition by all means, but first decide whether you shall go for pleasure or profit. Pleasure and profit make a bad mixture, and will end in disappointment.

When you are examining stock at the Show, don't think that the animal which fills the eye and the show ring will be the most likely to fill your pocket. You might just as reasonably expect that the machine which makes the greatest noise is the best.