

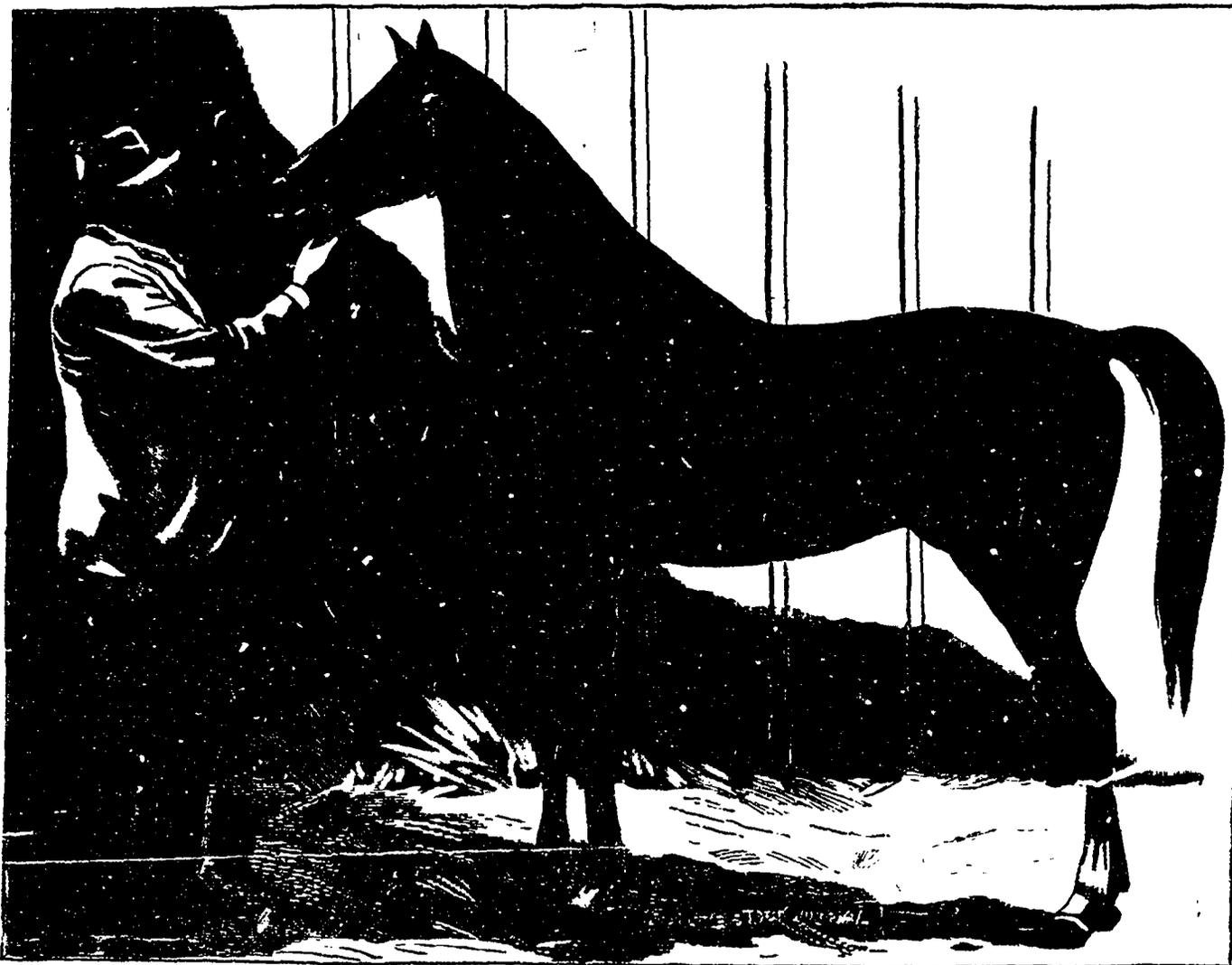
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A HIGH BRED ARABIAN.

Owned by Mr. William McKay, Morewood, Ont.

Our Illustration.

To preserve and transmit to paper the features that are characteristic of such a stallion as that which brightens our first page requires the trained eye and skilled hand of the true artist; for if these are not made clear the type, which is a special peculiarity of the blue blooded Arab is lost, or mellows into one representative of inferior breeding. But these traits have been truly caught by our draughtsman, so that we treat our readers this month to the rare pleasure of viewing an engraving, true to life, of a high-bred Arabian.

Cyprus, the subject of our sketch, is owned by, and stands in the stables of, Mr. Wm. McKay, of Morewood, Ont. With the aid of the above illustration we shall not have any difficulty in making clear the distinctive features that belong to this high strung, and powerful, though small, stallion. Cyprus stands 14.3 hands high, and he is the most evenly proportioned

that it has been our fortune to review. It is a known fact that it is a very easy matter to single out faults of conformation, but here one is at bay; for, barring those that may arise from hard usage and age, there is a complete absence of weak spots, though few strikingly impress the onlooker as being remarkably strong owing undoubtedly to the smooth symmetry of all parts. With head always on high and brush carried banner-like, he is the embodied ideal of all that a fiery spirit, courage and exultant ambition may impart, and make a stallion majestic in appearance and gay in movement. In every incament of his head, and every other part of his body quality is plainly written. His head possesses that straight front line, fine muzzle, and large elastic nostrils that are so indicative of quality. A neck exquisitely moulded smoothly joins a strong shoulder, and withers built for a saddle. A very noticeable point in his make-up is the projection of his chest and its depth. Coming to his barrel, here the eye lights upon his salient feature for such a well-knit, strongly ribbed, and cylindrical body, topped by

a back and loin of impressing strength, it is rarely that one, with even the most extended experience, has the pleasure of examining. Then the next in order to claim the attention is the extreme levelness of his hind-quarter, and its length from hip to root of tail, a trait which the thoroughbred has inherited in common with many other prime quantities from his Arab progenitor. Taken as a whole Cyprus is a stallion of rare build, and possessed of great energy and vigor.

Mr. McKay became the owner of this stallion through a fortunate circumstance. Mr. A. J. Anson, the *aide de camp* of Governor-General Lansdowne, on account of his return to England was forced to part with his favorite, and he sold him to Mr. McKay in 1880. This stallion was purchased in Arabia in 1878 when a four-year-old by Colonel Anderson of the 2nd Bombay Lancers, who sold him to General Lambton, of England, and the latter gave him as a present to Mr. Anson. Cyprus is of the Anaga strain, which is claimed to be the blue blood of the desert. Writing about this stallion Col. Anderson says, "I have had