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A PROMISING NEW STUD.

Hillcrest is the name Mr. Russell Taber has given his farm at Condo, fifteen miles north of Regina, Sask. It is a beautifully situated farm, a creek running across one corner and on the banks of the creek the farm buildings are located. The land is of that strong deep character peculiar to the district and produces the largest crops in the province. If followed exclusively, wheat growing would soon insure a competence to the owner of Hillcrest, but Mr. Taber's first interest in life is Clydesdale breeding in which for a young man he has made a noble start. For a stallion, he has a half interest in the greatest stock and show horse of the Dominion, Baron's Gem. There are now seven females whose numbers will in all probability be added to during the winter. His mares are Maggie Grange by Grange, dam Fannie by Wail-a-wee, imp., bred by Major Bros., Markham, Ont.; Maggie Lauder by Brown James, imp., dam Kate by Clansman (imp.); Lady Gordon a three year old by Gordon, imp., dam Maggie Grange; Hillcrest Blossom by Gordon dam Maggie Lauder, which as a foal defeated the first and second prize winners at the Dominion in Winnipeg when they met in Regina; Eva's Gem recently purchased from A. & G. Mutch; Baron's Sunbeam bred by the same firm, out of Lady Charming, whose dam Sunbeam of Cults was champion at the International for two years in succession; and Baroness of Hillcrest by Baron's Gem, dam Lady Linkwood by Linkwood Lad, a big drafty, breezy looking yearling.

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A SUGGESTION RE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HACKNEY.

The other day, during a conversation on the supply of riding and harness horses—riding horses, be it understood, not of the hunter type—a suggestion was made which might be carried out with successful results. 'Twas said, with a considerable amount of truth, that the fashion of breeding Hackneys up to a big size and as much as possible of the harness type was damaging the breed, and there are fewer good horses bred in proportion to what there were five and twenty years ago. This is thought to be almost a natural consequence of breeding for an increase in height. Thoroughbreds have suffered, for this as well as Hackneys, so have Cleveland Bays and Yorkshire Coach horses; and perhaps the only breeds that have not suffered from the fashion for "upstanding horses" have been the heavy ones. The suggestion was that with the idea of getting riding horses an Arab cross should be used with Hackneys. A fresh infusion of different Eastern blood might improve the modern Hackney considerably. In the first place it would impart a style and quality which many modern Hackneys certainly do not possess. The shoulders would be fined down and properly placed, and there would be a little or no loss of action. If there was a trifling loss of action it would easily be got back in a generation or two. There is a great deal of Arab blood at the foundation of Hackney pedigrees and a fresh infusion of it could scarcely fail to have a beneficial result.

SMART.

It is not necessary that a lawyer should be eloquent to win verdicts, but he must have the tact which turns an apparent defeat to his own advantage. One of the most successful of verdict winners was Sir James Scarlett. His skill in turning a failure into a success was wonderful. In a breach of promise case, the defendant, Scarlett's client, was alleged to have been cajoled into an engagement by the plaintiff's mother. She was a witness in behalf of her daughter, and completely baffled Scarlett, who cross-examined her. But in her argument he exhibited his tact by this happy stroke of advocacy:—

"I am a gentleman of the jury, and I must ask a child in her hands, what could she have been?"