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mare since she was foaled. I was going to say since she was foaled, but I mean since she was three or four months old.

Q. When was she three or four months old?—A. I say that since she was three or four months old I have seen—

Q. I am asking when was she three or four months old?—A. I told you a moment ago.

Q. On what other ground? That is not very much to base your opinion on, or evidence as to the age of that horse.—A. I don't know of anything better that I have to tell you. Mr. Bowlby has owned the mare since she was three or four months old. He is living right beside me, and I have seen the mare right straight along. I would say about every week since.

Q. Never mind the week.

Mr. CARVELL: Let him answer the question. This witness should be protected.

The CHAIRMAN: The witness is getting all the protection he needs.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. Can you give us any reason why you can state the age of this horse.

The CHAIRMAN: Can you answer that question?

The WITNESS: Well, one good reason is because I have seen her ever since she was I would say, five months old, from then on. Mr. Bowlby is a near neighbour of mine.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. How long since she was five months old, have you seen her?—A. How long?

Q. Yes.—A. I could not tell you the exact year.

Q. Have you seen her since she was five months old for ten years?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Then tell me.—A. Tell you exactly how many years?

Q. How many years have you seen her since she was five months old?—A. I would suppose about 17.

Q. Suppose, and it is only supposition you have?—A. I do not say that. Is it supposition because a man—

Q. What do you base your opinion on?—A. Because I have seen her, the man lives beside me, and that man has owned her since she was four or five months old.

Q. Some years ago a certain colt was foaled, you say you have known her since she was four or five months old, and you make the assertion she is 17 years old?—A. Not that at all. I told you I have seen her every year and I think I am safe in saying that every week—perhaps not every week, but very very often he was at my place.

Q. If you went to the farm 17 years ago and the colt was foaled that year, one could understand that you would remember.—A. Yes, and I told you to day that I had raised a colt the same year that she was raised, and I believe that that other colt was 17 or 18 years old.

Q. Now let us get that down. You raised a colt the same year. You know that positively, do you?—A. I know there was a second colt the same year.

Q. The same year?—A. Yes.

Q. After you saw that one?—A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where that one is?—A. No, sir.

Q. But you know if she is living she is 17 years old now?—A. If she is living.

Q. She would be at least 16?—A. I told you I believed she was 17.

Q. Surely. You are so chuck full of beliefs that I would like to get some facts out of you. Will you pledge your belief she would be 16 now?—A. She would be the same age as the Bowlby mare.

Q. She would be 16?—A. I believe she would.

Q. Is that as much as you will say?—A. Yes.

Q. You would not swear to it?—A. I am on my oath at present.

Q. Would you swear she would be 15 now?—A. I suppose I am answering it when I say so.

Mr. S. SELFRIDGE.