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CONDITIONING HORSES FOR SHOW.

HIGH FEEDING ESSENTIAL.

The proper conditioning and prepar-
ing of horses for the show-ring requires
considerable skill and care, and involves
some trouble. To bring a horse into
perfect show condition, so that it may
make the most favorable impression on
the judges when led into the ring, is not
an easy matter. The great importance
of showing horses in perfect condition
and in good fettle need hardly be em-
phasised, and the proper conditioning
of horses for show certainly plays an
important part in attaining success in
the show-ring.

One of the principal points in pre-
paring horses for show is to make an
early start, so that there may be plenty
of time to get them into good form, for
the preparation cannot be satisfactorily
done in a hurry. The more time the
exhibitor allows himself the more easily
and the more successfully can the object
be accomplished. The usage of the
show-ring at the present time requires
that horses should be shown in well-
fleshed, not to say in fat condition.
They must have plenty of flesh on their
ribs, and the contours of the body are
required to be well rounded. There are
not a few horse breeders and owners who
condemn the present day fashion in re-
gard to show condition, considering that
this fashion is harmful and productive
of injurious results by reason of its un-
due artificiality, and rightly so. Be
this, however, as it may, and whatever
opinions an exhibitor may personally
hold in regard to this subject of show
condition in horses, he must perforce
conform to the requirements of fashion
as it rules at present in the show-ring,
and must exhibit his horse or horses in
the recognised show condition if he is
desirous of attaining success.

Liberal feeding on grain is, of course,
indispensable. While in all cases a
plentiful allowance of oats must be
given, the exact quantity that should be
fed depends very largely upon the par-
ticular circumstances and requirements
of each case, and beyond stating that
a comparatively plentiful ration is nec-
essary no definite instructions can be
laid down. The exhibitor must use his
discretion and judgment in regard to
this matter, being guided by the horse's
bodily condition. Sound oats of good
quality are the right kind of grain to
use but if given too lavishly, may pro-
duce surfeit and cause the legs to fill.

EXERCISE.

The effects of high feeding should be
counteracted as far as is practical by
providing the horse with plenty of lax-
ative food of a cooling nature, such as
bran mash, bran and linseed mash, or
carrots, and cut forage of every kind.
It is of great importance that the system
of horses that are being conditioned for
the show-ring should be kept cool, so
that they may remain in the best of
health. In the case of Shire horses,
and also sometimes in that of other
breeds of horses, some linseed cake is
included in the diet. Linseed cake judi-
ciously used is of course, a fine thing for
making a horse put on flesh and fat,
and for heightening the gloss on the
coat. The cake is a help in preparing
horses of the heavy draft breeds for
show, and can be advantageously em-
ployed. Its richness must, however, be
born in mind, and on no account must
the feeding with cake be overdone. For
horses of the light class cake is not to be
recommended; in their case a little lin-
seed meal answers the purpose far bet-
ter and more satisfactorily.

In order to bring horses into perfect
show form it is necessary that they
should be regularly and sufficiently ex-
ercised or worked. In the first place, a
certain amount of exercise or work is
necessary for them, simply to keep them
in good health, and to allow of their be-
ing highly fed without suffering bad
effects. As long as a horse gets suf-
ficient exercise it can stand high feeding
for a certain time without much harm.
Quite apart from this, however, exercise
or work is essential, in order to bring out
their muscles. The more the muscles
of a horse are developed the better does
the animal look. Mere fat can never
take the place of well-developed muscle,
even from the show-ring point of view,
and the fact of a horse showing plenty
of muscular development is bound to
make a favorable impression. As, how-
ever, the horse is required to be in well-

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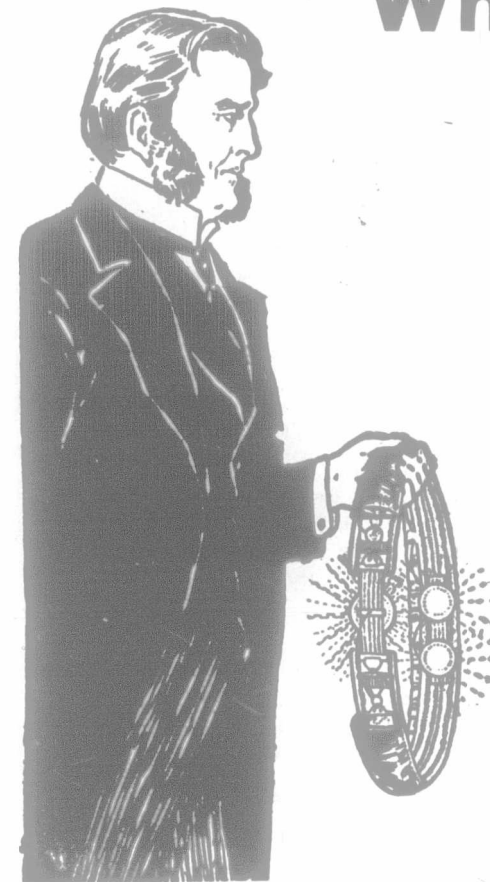
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