

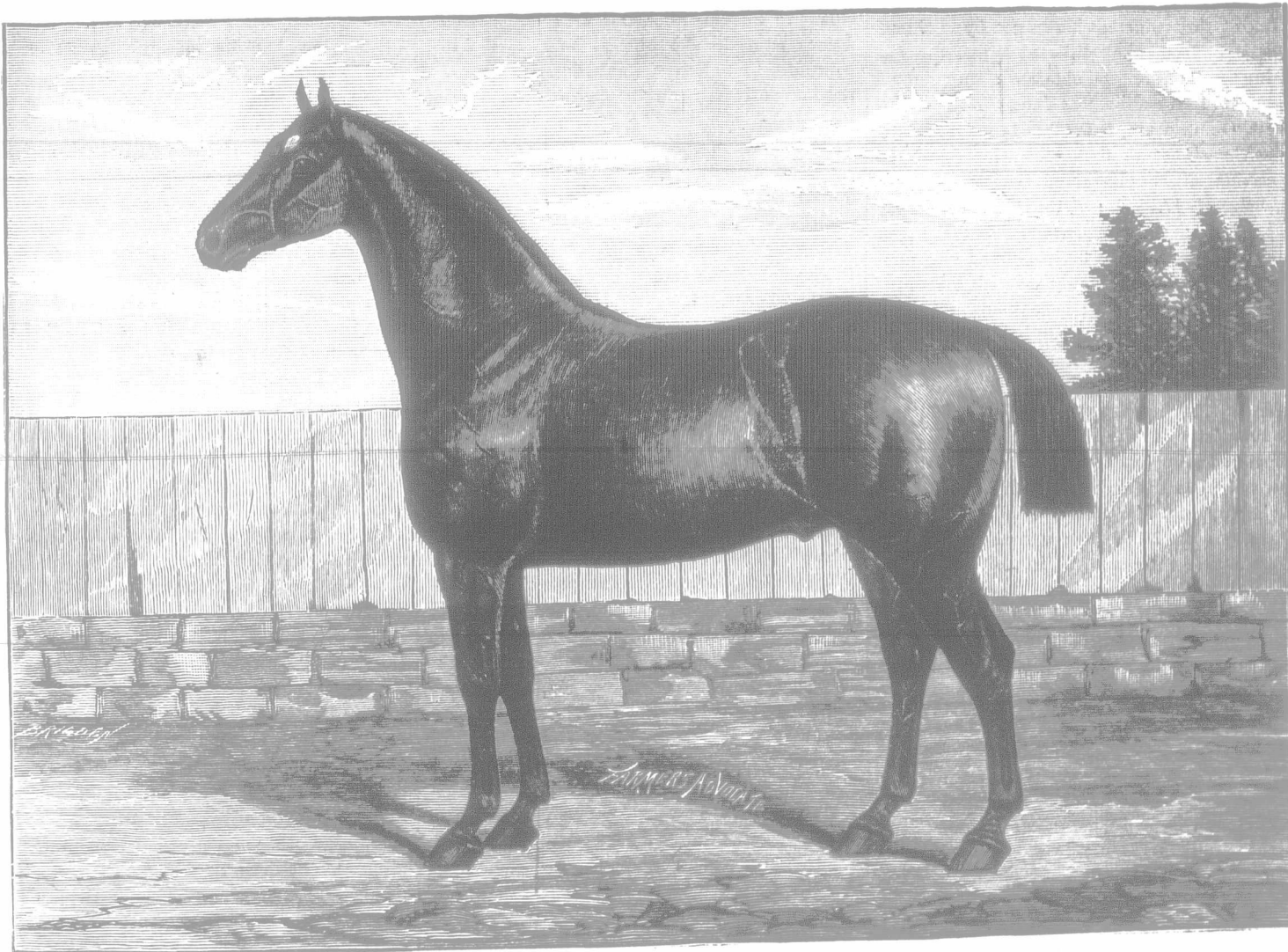
Gold Fox.

Our illustration for this issue represents what is conceded on all hands to be the highest production of the breeder's art—a specimen of the Thoroughbred horse, having sprung from the highly-prized Eastern blood, of which writers on the horse have spoken in such glowing terms, being noted alike for beauty of form as well as fleetness of foot. In England the highest nobles of the land, as well as the cleverest talent, have spent their time and wealth in bringing to the greatest perfection the English Thoroughbred. His flights of speed, and equally wonderful performances at long distances have made him much sought after by horsemen from all countries.

strong, wide hocks. He is built after the right pattern from the ground up. His top piece is equally well finished, being well coupled; strong back, stylish put on neck and head; he has good depth of rib, good in the middle and at both ends. Gold Fox is a rich chestnut, and rising four-year-old—is not a broken down race-horse, but is sound and right. He should prove particularly valuable in getting high-class carriage horses, weight carrying hunters, as well as the highest priced saddle horses of all classes. An analysis of his blood lines will convince a judge of pedigree that the stoutest racing blood in the stud books courses in his veins. With these characteristics Gold Fox has the essentials

Chatty Stock Letter from the States.

Late notable sales included 26 Angus cows, 1,200 lbs., at \$5.25; 42 Hereford steers, 1,112 lbs., \$5.90; 17 Shorthorn steers, 1,282 lbs., \$6.10; 16 Shorthorns, 1,527 lbs., \$6.40; 15 export stags, 1,752 lbs., \$5.35; export bulls, 1,600 to 1,800 lbs., \$3.75 to \$4.50; slop-fed bulls, 1,612 to 1,760 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.35; slop-fed steers, 1,100 to 1,400 lbs., \$5.50 to \$5.75; yearling steers, 600 to 1,000 lbs., \$4.75 to \$5.12½; corn-fed western sheep, 90 to 125 lbs., \$5.50 to \$6.00; shorn westerns, \$4.70 to \$4.90; lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.85. Texas sheep very scarce. Sales, \$4.75 to \$5.50. Western sheep feeders have not



GOLD FOX, THE PROPERTY OF J. D. O'NEIL, V. S., LONDON, ONT.

This is not alone for his racing powers, but also for his well-known prepotency in impressing upon his offspring what is known as quality, and which has made the Thoroughbred cross so popular. In England the value of this breeding has always been held in great estimation. Being pre-eminently a horse-loving people, with time and wealth at their disposal, horse exercise has always been in high repute, and, therefore, the best class of horses for saddle and harness has been in demand for generations, each class of the so called light-legged horses being improved by a dash of this blood, to give them bottom and style.

Gold Fox, the subject of the illustration before us, is a beautiful horse; he is large, standing 16 1½ on the best of feet, particularly well set ankles, and standing squarely on all his legs, with good heavy bone below the knee, capital,

for a prime favorite, particularly among the farmers and horse breeding public in the vicinity of London, and we predict a successful career if he only receives sufficient patronage, which he decidedly deserves. He is owned by J. D. O'Neil, V. S., of this city, and the illustration, which is an admirable likeness, is from an oil painting by Mr. J. P. Hunt, of London, Ont.

A mongrel stallion is more damaging to a neighborhood than a Northwest blizzard, and the baneful influence of such a visitor lasts for years. When a man comes peddling such a nuisance into your barnyard, set the dogs on him.

Farmer's Review, Chicago, says:—"Canadian land agents are endeavoring to induce the settlers of the districts in Dakota where there was a failure of crops last year to emigrate to Canada and take lands along the line of the Canadian Pacific. They are meeting with great success in many cases."

done quite so well as they expected, but they have made money. Cattle lately sold the highest in over three years, with the exception of one sale last holiday time. Late prices for beef cattle were from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. higher than a year ago. Prices for hogs are 30 cents higher for poor kinds, and \$1.10 per 100 lbs. higher for good kinds, than a year ago. The extremely heavy hogs, averaging 400 to 500 lbs., have been comparatively neglected. A good many 100 to 150-lb. pigs have lately sold at \$3.75 to \$5.00. A good many heavy sows have been marketed, and farmers are not keeping half as many breeders as last year. Cattle dealers and handlers are generally unanimous in the opinion that cattle are bound to sell higher than a year ago for some time to come. The writer recently saw some finely bred Shorthorn cattle sold at little if any more than beef prices—\$62 for cows and \$76 for bulls. Such prices would indicate that now is the time to improve the herds.