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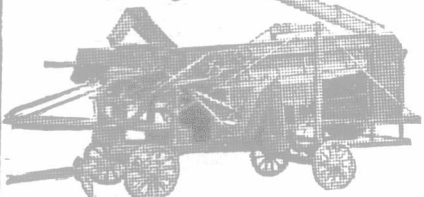


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horses of this class. We are afraid that he will practically "stay went." We cannot see any reasonable probabilities of the road horse again occupying the place that he did a few years ago. At the same time we think that there is still a place for the high-class animal even of this class, but the common, though reasonably serviceable road horse will, in our opinion, not be a profitable horse to produce. The high-class fellow with a certain amount of speed will still be sought after in reasonable numbers by horse lovers for show purposes, and of course those that have sufficient speed for race purposes will have value in proportion to their speed, practically regardless of their general characteristics so far as conformation and general appearance are ensured.

The Saddle will not "stay went." Man has not yet, neither do we think he ever will, invent anything that moves on the ground, water or in the air, that will fill the place of the saddle horse. In some sections saddle work has practically become a lost art. We cannot but deplore this fact, as it is exercise that is both healthful and pleasant. In the boyhood and young manhood days of the writer every farmer had at least one saddle and riding bridle and all the young folk, and often also the old folk, knew how to ride. At the present time a large percentage of the young men or young women, boys or girls, even in country districts, would, if mounted, look more like monkeys than horsemen or horsewomen on horseback. At the same time we think that the saddler will "come back." In fact, he has already begun to come. We hear some inquiries for saddlers, and this is especially so in the United States and we have an idea that Canada will not stay behind.

We are of the opinion that the breeder who, by the use of the Thoroughbred sire on mares selected with reasonable care, produces foals in the near future, will find a ready market for his stock as soon as they are old enough for service. It is highly probable that horses of such breeding and characteristics will be in demand for military purposes in numbers greater than the supply, at least for some years. Hence, we think we can see a profitable and congenial business for the horsemen in breeding saddlers. In this class we may include hunters. The value of the hunter is in proportion to his ability to carry weight, gallop fast over all kinds of ground, negotiate obstacles of different natures, and stay. The more thoroughbred blood the better. In fact, if we can get him large enough, the Thoroughbred is the most satisfactory hunter. Hunters are usually wanted by those who are at least reasonably wealthy, hence if the horse has the strength, weight, speed and willingness to jump, the price is of minor importance.

Mining the War Zone

Europe's battle-fields, says an editorial writer in The Mining and Scientific Press (San Francisco), have been showered with steel and iron and brass from shells, exploded and unexploded, and from hand-grenades. He goes on:

"Much of this metal will be removed as a necessary preliminary to the resumption of peaceful pursuits. The quantity of metal is so great that it would be a source of annoyance, and even of danger to the tiller of the soil. A systematic sweeping, so to speak, of all the bombarded regions will be necessary. A French engineering journal describes an apparatus which, though created for this special purpose, can be applied to other uses, for it will indicate the presence of steel and iron not too deeply buried in the soil. This, however, is a slow way to proceed where long-continued bombardment has literally filled the sod with metallic fragments. Methods of salvaging are contemplated that involve passing the soil through plants for recovering the metal, and returning the soil to its place leveled and ready for tillage. It is also pointed out that the concentration of fixed nitrogen in these battle-field soils, resulting from the enormous quantities of explosives used, will make these areas exceptionally fertile."—From recent issue of The Literary Digest.



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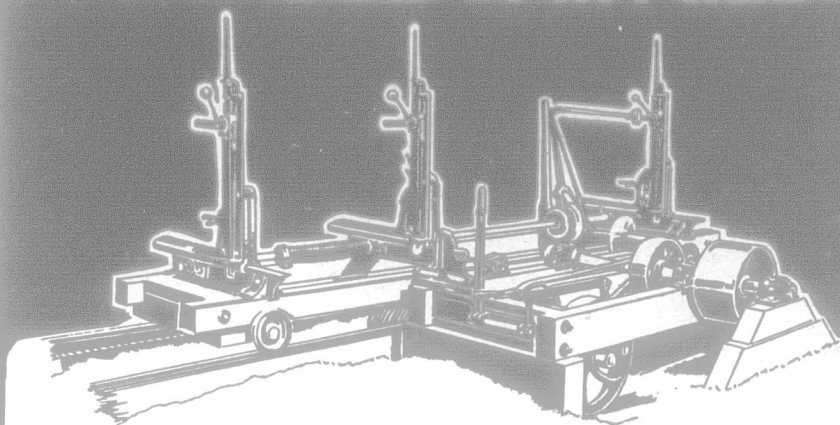
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