

In a systematic attempt to secure data upon this subject and covering a period of several years, I have been unable to secure complete and reliable reports on but 11,649 horses. These were horses all of which had been tested for their wind when purchased, and their wind found right in every particular. This would place these horses above the average in this one particular at the time these reports were made, and yet 1986 were found with defective wind in a marked degree. This is a little better than 17 per cent. In these reports every horse owned by the companies reporting were tested, and the full number owned by them as well as the number found defective were recorded.

No provision has been made for attaching any importance to this defect, or its causes, in the methods of judging horses as at present employed, and yet actual fact, based upon the most painstaking examination, teaches us that it should be given an importance of 17 per cent., even when the better class of horses are under consideration. The scale of points now in general use places an importance of 12 out of a possible 100 upon the eye, fore pastern, hock and wind, while actual demonstrated fact shows they should be given an importance of 57 out of a possible 100. This is certainly a wide difference, but just so long as standards are based upon theory, just so long will we find judges differing, and horses winning high honors valued below those winning no place in the same class. Too much attention has been given to theories in the judging of horses for the good of the horse breeding industry. It has never occurred to judges of horses that judging might be reduced to a science, based upon actual fact.

**289. Judging Cattle.** The judging of fat cattle has been reduced to an almost exact science. The animal to be judged is divided (mentally) into the several commercial cuts, so that when the judging is complete, one has a fairly accurate idea of which animal in the class judged would sell for the most money in the open market. There is no known reason why the same rule cannot be applied to the judging of draft horses. To do this one has only to keep in mind a fact well known to all, that a draft horse is but an animated machine to be used for a specific purpose.

**290. A New Scale of Points.** I believe the following scale of points will be found more nearly correct, as regards the relative importance of each part of the draft horse, than any ever formulated:

**Form and Quality:**

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| The legs viewed from in front and behind should be well set under the horse; viewed from the side they should be perpendicular to the body..... | 4 |
| Weight, over 1800 lbs., according to age.....                                                                                                   | 5 |
| Quality, as indicated by smooth and hard bone, skin and hair fine, with an abundance of energy.....                                             | 5 |