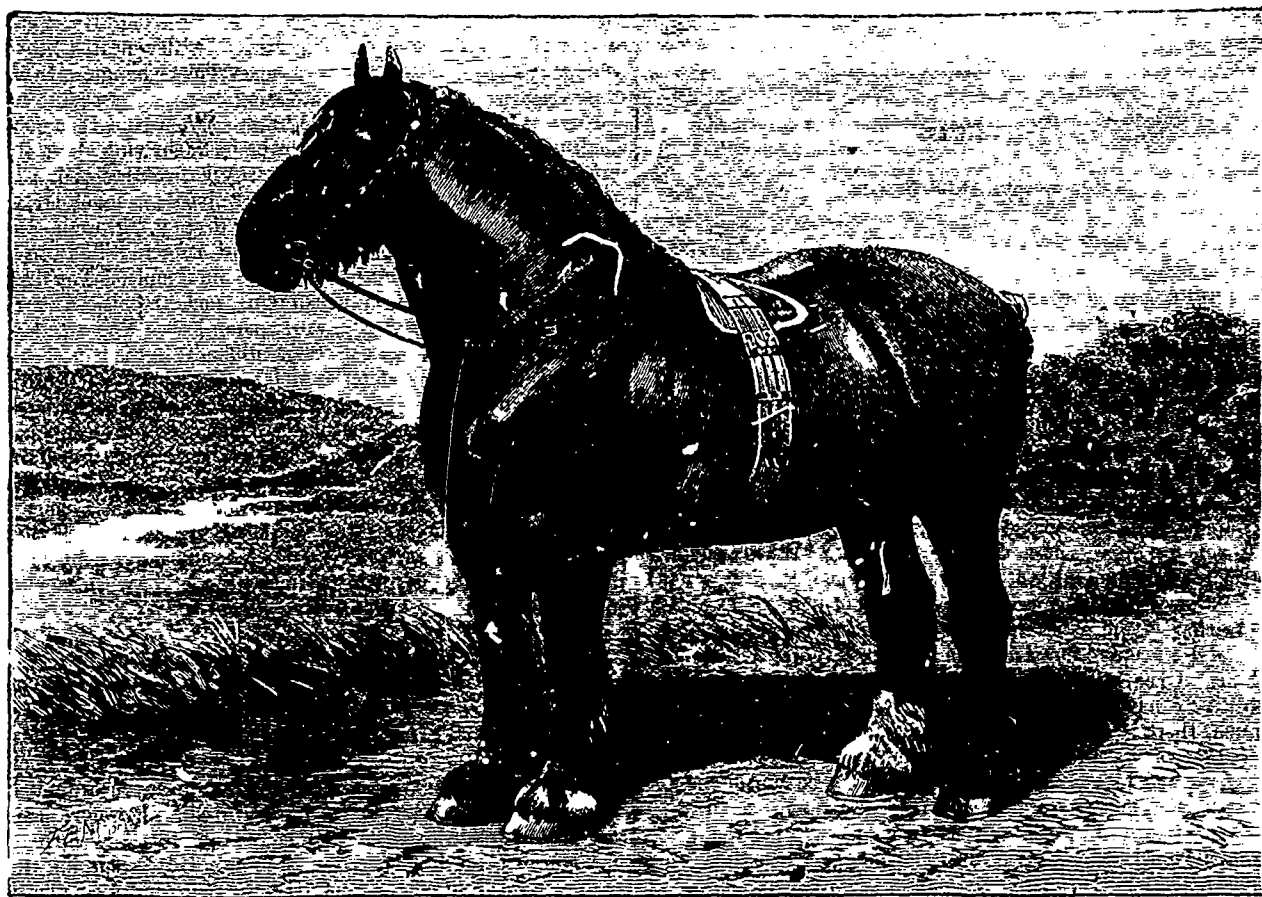


scalded mixture night and morning, grain other times. Free access to water, but only by bill. Food costs 5 cents a pound to produce one pound of broiler up to three or four pounds.

Chicks are sold when they weigh about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Average weight is—4 weeks, 10 oz.; 6 weeks, 12 oz.; 7 weeks, 22 oz.; 8 weeks,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . They are sold dressed, the work being done by "dressers" at 5c, per chick, being bled, picked but not scalded, thrown in ice-water, then picked in barrels or boxes, without wrapping. Prices vary from 20 to 40c per lb., selling season being December to June, best in April and May.

In regard to breeds, the Leghorn proves very desirable, both pure and as a cross. The chicks are more neaty on the

**FATTENING CHICKS.**—Several recommend the practice of confining chickens in a coop and fattening them. For market purposes it is necessary. Some people like to have fowls very fat; these will have recourse to fattening but we consider a chicken allowed to run over a quiet lawn, well fed on good food till fit for table, perfection, and like turkeys similarly treated, they are usually fat enough. To those who wish to confine their chickens and fatten, we say: Be sure to have them well fed from the very first, so that they will have plenty flesh on them before they are put up. Put them in a nice clean coop, so constructed that each bird, or at most each pair of birds, will have a separate apartment. Attend to the ordi-



CLYDESDALE STALLION TOP-KNOT 6,360.

The property of Mr. A. B. Matthews, Newton Stewart, N. B. Winner of First Prize at Glasgow Stallion Show, 1889.

breast, and eggs from hens mated with a Leghorn male are more fertile. When the Brahma chicks weigh 1 lb 8 oz., the Leghorn chick will weigh 1 lb. 7 oz. Crosses of Game are good, but chicks are tender, Houdan and Langshan cross is one of the best. The main points are short legs, compact body, plumb breast, fat on each side of spine. Color of legs is not noticed.

Cost of outfit for 1,500 chicks is about \$1,000. The business requires close attention, and cannot be intrusted to hired help. It is not an easy pursuit for women, yet several have been very successful. Hammon ton has a mild climate and sandy soil, and cholera and gapes are unknown. It is within easy reach of five or six markets. More broilers are said to be raised than in any other place in this country or Europe.

nary rules of health, keep them scrupulously clean, give a little grit and almost no grain, as their digestive organs will not be in a proper state to digest it. It is a good plan to feed on oatmeal, Indian meal and rice meal. Some like buckwheat. We like to mix whatever meal is given with warm milk, and give the food warm. They cannot be confined more than three weeks. For the first week they fail, then they improve for the next two weeks, after which they again decline, and would continue to fail till death would ensue from enlarged liver or bowel derangement. Great care must be taken that their coops are very clean, for if neglected, their flesh will have a most offensive taste when it comes to table.—

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