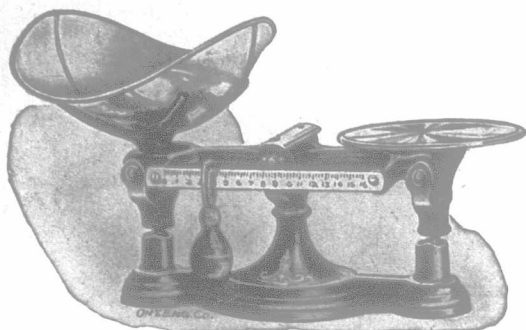


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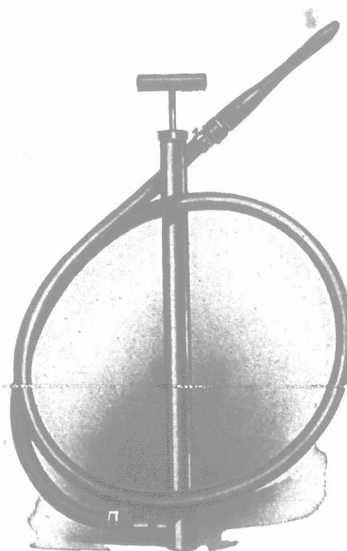
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Editor "The Farmer's Advocate:"

Certain criticisms, commenting somewhat unfavorably on the methods and regulations of the Canadian Racing Association, have, from time to time, appeared in the press. Some of these criticisms are apt to lead your readers astray, and I therefore desire to bring before your notice and that of your readers, one very important consideration somewhat overlooked, i.e., the great financial encouragement the Jockey Clubs comprising the Canadian Racing Association have shown for the breeding in Canada, and the owning in Canada of good Thoroughbred stock, and here are the figures for the year 1914:

Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto.....\$27,050
Niagara Racing Association.....8,000
Windsor, Ont.....7,000

In addition, in the year 1915, there is the double event, value \$4,000, when the first half will be competed for.

Hamilton Jockey Club, Ont.....\$7,800
Montreal Jockey Club, Montreal,
P. Q.....14,500

The above Jockey Clubs comprise the Canadian Racing Association, but in addition, the following Jockey Clubs, which race under the rules and regulations of the Canadian Racing Association:

Estimated.
Dorval Jockey Club, Montreal,
P. Q.....\$7,000
Connaught Park Jockey Club, Ottawa, Ont.....7,000

Or a total of over \$75,000 yearly, given to Canadian-bred and Canadian-owned horses.

In the course of time, the Canadian Racing Association may see fit to pass a rule whereby five per cent. of first money in every stake or over-night event (Canadian-bred event) shall go to the breeder of the winner. This would give a stimulus to the breeder who did not race, but who disposed of his stock to others who did, and even such a small amount would be an incentive to further encourage the breeding of better stock.

WILLIAM HENDRIE.

Conserving Moisture.

Summer tillage, says a Nebraska Bulletin, has been the most effective method of storing water, but even by this method, only from 10 to 33 per cent. of the seasonal rainfall has been stored in the soil. A discussion of the amount of water retained by summer tillage during each of the past several years shows that the amount of water stored varies with the amount and distribution of the rainfall during the period covered by the summer tillage. It has been found that water stored in the soil before seeding is a safeguard against drought, but it has not been found possible to store enough water in the soil before seeding to mature a crop without subsequent rains.

Disking small grain stubble has proved beneficial by preventing weed growth, whenever there has been sufficient moisture in the soil at harvest time to produce a growth of weeds, or where rains have come early enough to start weed growth.

Plowing has been better than disking, in that it more thoroughly kills all weed growth, and in the case of heavy rains, plowed land will absorb more water than disked land, because it is more thoroughly stirred.

Artificial mulches of straw or hay have proved more effective than soil mulches in absorbing and retaining water from rains.

Spring wheat, oats, barley and corn, feed to an average depth of four feet in this soil. Winter wheat feeds to a depth of six or seven feet. Alfalfa and grasses use water from greater depths.

Weeds are the greatest agency for the loss of water from the soil. Preventing weed growth has been more important from the standpoint of storing water in the soil than cultivating the soil to produce any kind of a mulch.

The storage of water is summed up in keeping a loose, rough surface, to absorb the rains quickly, and in preventing growing vegetation from using the water.