

How to Treat Sore Shoulders

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The rush season is now here. Our work horses are being put to heavy work and mine, at least have had a long period of rest. The colts that have been trained during the winter have now to bear their share of the farm work. Extra attention must be given by the teamster for the next few weeks to the condition of the horse's shoulders.

First of all, I see that the collar fits properly. I prefer a cloth-faced collar to one that is leather-faced, especially in hot weather. I consider it unnecessary to fill a collar with sweat pads. I plan to use collars that fit and then sweat pads are not needed.

My horses, although in good condition, will be "soddy" and shedding their hair. They will perspire freely and the collars will get hard with dirt and hair. I clean them frequently. I remove the harness at noon and brush off the grime collected on the horses'

paid particular attention to its value. Think of a man cleaning out for four or five horses, 40 head of cattle, about a dozen logs, and have it loaded in the manure spreader in four minutes, while the operator may stand with his white collar on! This is what Mr. Robinson can do!

It would be well for anyone who contemplates building to consider the value of this device. It is run by a small two horse-power gasoline engine, but a horse could be utilized to do the work with as good results. The apparatus is very simple and does the work better than anyone could with shovel and brush.

I consider the "Farm and Dairy" a very good paper. I am myself a breeder of pure bred Holsteins.—A Lanark County Farmer.

Alfalfa in Lanark

"I know from experience that alfalfa can be successfully grown in our county," remarked Mr. J. C. Glenn, of Lanark Co., Ont., recently when



Which Stallion in Your Neighborhood Are You Going To Patronize?

A difference of \$5 or even \$10 in the service fee is neither here nor there if we get the right kind of a sire for next season's crop of colts. How does the pure-bred Clyde stallion here illustrated strike you? There would be more of this kind in the country were our ideas on the value of a sire more liberal. This one is owned by W. H. Mann, Kent Co., Ont.

shoulders. Bathing the shoulders at night with water, in which oak bark has been boiled, is the best treatment for toughening the skin of which I speak.

SPRING TOXICS
I often find that after having a lay-off during the winter, the horse's blood becomes thick and when put to work in the spring, the skin erupts in pimples and boils. Many farmers feed sulphur as a preventative, but I prefer giving a tonic of nux vomica and sulphate of iron. I believe that impurities of the blood through the skin and matters are not greatly improved. When boils do break out, however, I find sulphur a good remedy. After the boil breaks I fill it with dry flowers of sulphur and it soon scales over.

If a horse develops an open sore on the shoulder, I fit a sweat pad under the collar and cut a hole in it where the sore touches. This relieves the pressure on the tender spot.

Laborless Stable Cleaning

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—In Farm and Dairy of April 10 I see an article by Mr. George Robinson's stable cleaner. I am personally acquainted with Mr. Robinson. I consider his cleaning device the greatest labor-saving contrivance I have yet seen. I have seen the machine in action and

discussing the value of this crop with an editor of Farm and Dairy. "Two years ago I seeded my first field of alfalfa,—one and a half acres. I sowed that first field on June 25, using a nurse crop of oats at the rate of one bushel to the acre. I sowed the oats first and ran the harrow after the drill. Then I sowed the alfalfa by like going to a lot of trouble, but as it was my first attempt I wanted to make sure of getting the seed all covered.

"Last year I got three cuttings from that small field, which aggregated nine tons.

"I have a lot of low-lying land on my farm," continued Mr. Glenn, ground. I think it does better there. On our heavy clay soils great care should be exercised in pasturing alfalfa. If pastured too close in the fall, the crowns split during the winter as the heavy soil heaves more readily than does a light soil."

"Have your neighbors attempted to grow alfalfa?"

"Yes, they have. Although alfalfa is not very extensively grown in Lanark county, I know of several good plots in my neighborhood. This year I am going to sow more of it."

Don't work that colt too hard just now. Go easy.

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