

now in the Province. We have all kinds, and all have their admirers, but in the choice of stallions let those be chosen which are the best of their kind. A dollar or two extra for a horse will put pounds in the pocket when the colt comes to maturity.

I remain sir,

yours, &c.

Perry, 6th April, 1857.

A BREEDER OF HORSES.

CHARCOAL AS A PREVENTIVE OF RUST.

To the Editor of the Agriculturist.

Sir,—In one of your early numbers of last year, (upon which, however, I cannot just lay my hand) you gave an outline of a Lecture delivered before an agricultural audience, in which it was suggested by the lecturer that charcoal, finely pulverized, might be used with success in preventing the ill effects of rust or mildew on wheat. But neither the time of sowing, the quantity, nor the *modus operandi* were so clearly stated, as to enable an uninitiated person to try an experiment, with any reasonable probability of a satisfactory result. Now if you, sir, happen to know anything about these matters, and would kindly explain them in your next number, you would very much oblige one of your subscribers at least; who would like to ascertain by experiment, how far pulverized charcoal may be a preventive of mildew or rust in wheat and barley sown on land which from the lowness of its situation is much subject to one or other of them.

I am, &c.,

2nd April, 1857.

A. B. C.

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHINA.—China is the most populous and ancient empire in the world; it is 1,300 miles long, and 1,030 wide. Population from 300,000,000, to 360,000,000. The capital is Pekin, with 1,100,000 inhabitants; next Nankin, 1,000,000, and Canton 1,000,000. China produces tea, 50,000,000 pounds of which are annually exported from Canton, the only place which foreigners are allowed to visit. Silk, cotton, rice, gold, silver and all the necessities of life, are found in China. The arts and manufactures in many branches are in high perfection, but stationary, as improvements are now prohibited. The government is a despotic monarchy. Revenue \$200,000,000; army, 800,000 men. The religion is similar to Buddhism, the chief god being Foh. The Chinese inculcate the morality of Confucius, their philosopher, who was born 500 B. C. The great wall and canal of China, are among the mightiest works ever achieved by man. The foreign commerce of China amounts to \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000 annually, the whole of which is transacted by appointed agents, called "Hong merchants." Foreigners are allowed to live at certain stations, "factories," below Canton. The chief trade is with England. The first American ship reached China in 1784; now the annual average of the United States ships visiting Canton is thirty-two. The revenue derived from foreign commerce by the Emperor varies from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000. According to Mr. Dunn, the opium smuggled into China, to the injury of the people, amounted to \$20,000,000 annually, for several years past, much of which was paid in specie, which found its way to London. The Chinese language has nearly 40,000 characters or letters.

To commit a falsehood is like the cut of a sabre; for, though the wound may heal, the scar of it will remain.—*Sadi*.

There is a small chance of truth at the goal, where there is not childlike humility, at the starting-post.—*Coleridge*.