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The Importance Of A Good Hock

Whether a horse is used for speed or slow, heavy work, it is important that it have good quality underpinning, and possibly no joint in a horse's leg is as important as the hock. The hock joint has been referred to as the pivot of action in a horse. Not only does it play an important part in propulsion, but it decreases the evil effects of concussion on the hind leg. In reality it is the hardest worked joint in the body, and when it becomes unsound the horse's value is considerably decreased.

It is important that the hocks have the proper angle. Crooked hocks are predisposed to unsoundness which may be transmitted from parent to progeny. Crooked hocks tend to give the hind legs too much set, with the result that the feet are placed too far beneath the body. This throws extra strain on the hock and may result in a curb. When a horse is taking a very heavy pull one cannot help but notice that the hock joint is bearing the brunt of the labor.

Among the unsoundnesses common in the hock are jack spavins, bone spavins, curbs and thoroughpins, any one of which depreciates the value of the animal. According to score card directions the hind leg of the horse is correctly placed if a plumb line dropped from the point of the buttock divides the leg and foot into lateral halves. Viewed from the side this same line should touch the point of the hock and strike the ground a few inches behind the heel. The experienced judge can tell at a glance when the hocks and hind legs are properly set. He has trained his eye to see these things. It is important

that the breeding stock used be free from unsoundness, as there is always a danger that weaknesses may be transmitted to the progeny.

IRISH LINEN TRADE SUFFERS BIG SLUMP

Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 6.—Ulster is not suffering from unemployment to the same extent as the United Kingdom, and the Irish Free State largely because this great shipbuilding centre recently obtained substantial shipbuilding orders.

It is stated here that the Irish linen trade is much depressed because of the decreased demand in the American market, which in former years absorbed about half of the entire Irish linen production. Only one-fourth of the output goes to the United States at present.

In the south of Ireland agriculture has received the worst blow, because the Free State mainly relies upon farming and the breeding of horses and cattle for its prosperity.

The general trade slump has reacted on agriculture and the whole Free State countryside is at present stagnant as compared to its former activity.

"BUY AT HOME"

WAR-TIME FLEET WILL BE BURNED

Greatest Bonfire in History of Potomac River Planned

Washington, Aug. 5.—The greatest bonfire in the history of Potomac River will begin to burn within the next few days when a \$200,000,000 war-time fleet of the Shipping Board, comprising 200 vessels, will be towed to Mallow's Bay, three miles below Quantico, Va., and set fire.

Meanwhile the Shipping Board is preparing to sell 200 other ships. The bid of Henry Ford, who offered \$1,706,000 for the lot, will be taken up by the boards and is expected to be accepted. The vessels which are to be turned over cost a million dollars a piece to build. They are the dilapidated remains of part of the gigantic fleet which transported men, power and supplies to France during the war.

Unlike the treatment customarily accorded historic vessels, these remnants are to be denied the dignity of a watery grave. They are to be cremated and their ashes blown to the four winds.

At the end of the war these ships were veritable "white elephants" on the hands of the Government. Only a few could be put into peace-time commission. They were sold to a salvage company for \$4,000 apiece.

After stripping them to the hulks, the company made an unsuccessful effort to beach and burn them.

The Government now has stepped in and made arrangements for a second attempt to destroy the useless fleet. The chief of army engineers has worked out the new plan.

The vessels will be destroyed in unit groups of 35. An immense net will be constructed so as to safeguard against any floating debris which might escape and menace the channel.

MIRAMICHI HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT

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Infant Payments	40
Patients Admitted in 1917	179
Patients Admitted in 1924	447
Patients Admitted in 1925	473
Ambulance Calls	24
X-Ray Patients	
No Treatment	35
With Treatment	48
Total	83
Details of Cases	
Surgical	211
Medical	130
Maternity	38
Examination Only	6
X-Ray Only	35
Out Patients	15
Infants Born	38
Total	473

Patients Cured	261
Patients Improved	57
Patients Unimproved	5
Patients not treated	6
Patients Relieved	30
Out Patients	15
X-Ray Only	35
Infants Born	38
Patients in Hospital end of April 1925	24
Deaths	17
Total number treated	488

Residence of Patients admitted during Year

Northumberland County	451
Newcastle	205
Nelson	28
Chatham	10
Blissfield	23
Blackville	43
Derby	14
North Esk	59
South Esk	26
Ludlow	10
Rogersville	7
Alawick	18
Glencel	6
Hardwicke	2
Gloucester County	2
Kent County	5
York County	2
Westmorland County	5
Saint John County	1
Nova Scotia	2
Montreal, Que.	1
Ontario	2
United States	2
Total	473

Religion of Patients admitted during Year

Baptist	40
Church of England	49
Methodist	57
Presbyterian	184
Roman Catholic	140
Hebrew	8
Total	473

Report of Training School

The number of Students in the Training School is as follows:	
Seniors	5
Intermediates	3

Some New Specials

For our 50th Anniversary

Linoleum Rugs 3ft x 9ft for\$1.98
Reg. \$1.50 Satinette Bloomers for 1.00
Reg. \$3.50 to \$4.00 C-c a la Grace Corsets 1.59
34 inch strong Grey Cotton 12 1-2c yd
Guaranteed Green Window Blinds 69c
All Childrens Straw Hats at Half Price

30c Gingham for20c yd
Ladies Drawers59c
75c to \$1.50 Silk Hose59c
Boys \$1.25 Golf Hose79c

\$3.75 Bathing Suits for....\$2.98
\$1.25 Boys Waists..... 1.00
Men's Work Shirts..... 73c
Women's Gingham Dresses 1.00

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Adams	1921	passed their R. N. examinations.	Miss Estelle Holland (Mrs. M. M.)	1922
Juniors	4	The Fifty Dollars given annually by the	Miss Mary L. Calder	1922
Probationers	5	the Miramichi Hospital Aid for the	Miss Zena Walls	1923
		one making highest marks was awarded to Miss A. Jane McKenzie.	Miss B'anche Cameron	1923
Total	17	May 12th, National Hospital Day, celebrating the birth of Florence Nightingale, was observed. It was very gratifying to all to meet so many who showed their appreciation of the Hospital by their presence.	Miss Sadie Walls	1923
		As Superintendent of the Training School, I wish to extend my personal gratitude to all those who have so materially shown their interest in the Home, particularly the Lounsbury Co., Lord Beaverbrook Chapter I.O.D.E., the Doctors on the Staff, Northumberland Lodge No. 17, Whitneyville Hospital Aid, the Board of Trustees and Mr. F. Neil Brodie;	Miss Annie McNaughton	1923
		To the Doctors on the Staff, for their support and medical care, to the Board of Trustees, for their willing co-operation at all times, to Col. J. D. B. F. McKenzie for the course of lectures throughout the year to the Members of the Hospital Aid and their Auxiliaries for their untiring efforts on our behalf, and to all friends who through their generosity and thoughtfulness have made the year so successful, I wish to extend my most grateful appreciation and the gratitude of the Nurses,	Miss Evelyn O'Brien	1924
		Respectfully submitted, (sgd) L. M. Campbell, R. N. Supt.	Miss A. Jane McKenzie	1924
		Graduates of Training School	SUPERINTENDENT	
		Miss Mary McDonald 1920	Miss Lena Campbell	
		Miss Elizabeth Lockerbie (Mrs. L. Swizzle) 1920	MEDICAL STAFF	
		Miss Florence Chiff 1920	Drs. F. J. Desmond, J. B. McKenz-	
		Miss Ruth Groat (Mrs. R. R. Ald. 1921	zie, W. A. Wilson, John Weir; B. A. Marven, R. Dolan, W. T. Ryan; F. C. McGrath, W. S. Loggie, J. A. M. Bell' M. de Olloqui, A. J. Losier, R. Nicholson, J. Beaton, P. J. Wallace; P. M. Kirwan, M. Delaney, F. G. Wilson, B. Hamilton.	
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WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

A Liquidation Sale of Tremendous importance to every man, woman and child in this community, is about to happen. A Gigantic Stock of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars is about to be thrown on the market in a forced sale to liquidate Bank Loans. The whole story will be before you in a day or two. You'll know something big has happened. Watch for the Big Circular which will carry news of the greatest PRICE SMASHING SALE in many a day.

Wait and Watch for O'Brien's Smashing Liquidation Prices on the Finest Clothing and Shoe Stock on the North Shore. Plan to be at the Chatham or Newcastle Store Saturday Morning Aug. 15th. You'll get a big circular before Saturday.

A. B. WILSON