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CANADIAN HORSE-BREEDING.

The Government returns show that the number of unbroken horses in Canada for 1897 is 106,809, as against 123,482 for 1895, and 151,867 for 1896, or a reduction of nearly 17,000 as compared with 1896, and of 46,000 as compared with 1895. This is evidence how much the breeding of horses has fallen off. The number of breeding mares, however, is put down at 69,940 for 1897, as against 66,883 for 1896, an increase of 3,000, which is some comfort. But unless we breed the horses that buyers want we cannot expect our horse breeding operations to prosper. Commenting upon this fact, "Farming" says: "Our principal market for horses is England, and an English buyer rarely finds on this continent the sort of horse he needs. The Americans are realizing this fact, and are waking up to its importance. Last year, out of the millions of horses raised by the United States only 25,126 were exported, and only 13,948 the year before. This state of things the Americans are determining to improve. The United States Government Department of Agriculture are instructing the people everywhere what sort of horses are needed for export, and are determined that the supply shall be forthcoming. In their own language: "America is competing with the world for the English trade, and in order to hold a share of it we must produce what the English want." This, as Farming well remarks, is precisely how the case stands with Canada also.

### CLOVERS AS GREEN MANURES.

The practice of green manuring, or the turning under of growing crops, is coming more into favour as its merits are better known. Experience has shown it to be often the best and most economical method of improving a soil, both chemically and mechanically. It furnishes humus and nitrogen, both necessary to fertility, and does an excellent work in preparing soil food for future crops. The humus thus supplied increases the retentive power of light soil for moisture, ameliorates the condition of heavy clays, and regulates the soil temperature. By the carbonic acid liberated in its decay, the inert plant food of the soil is dissolved. Briefly stated, these are the chief physical advantages of green manuring. The elements that compose humus, with the exception of its nitrogen, are derived entirely from the atmosphere, so that in the benefits conferred by the presence of humus and its decomposition there is a distinct gain.

Further, we may well suppose that the mineral matter or ash constituents of the green crop are, by the decay of the latter in the soil, set free in a condition more or less immediately available to plants. Hence, although, such a method of manuring has not added to the total of mineral food in the soil, it has materially enhanced its value by conversion into more assimilable forms. But it is in supplying nitrogen that green manuring has its principal value. When employing rye, buckwheat or other plants not legumes, the nitrogen stored within the tissues of the crop has been obtained from the soil. But with the legumes (clover, peas, &c.) the case is different. They, under favourable conditions, have the power of appropriating the larger portion of their nitrogen from the atmosphere. On account of this property they have, therefore been termed "nitrogen

collectors." Since nitrogen is the most expensive of all the elements when fertilizers have to be purchased, the value of green manuring with the legumes, which are exceedingly rich in this constituent, becomes apparent. Farmers in Prince Edward Island would do well to give green manuring with clover a trial.

### OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we are called upon to record the death at the early age of twenty-five years, of Daniel F. Murphy, Inspector of Schools in the eastern division of P. E. Island, which sad event occurred at his home, Rollo Bay on the 11th ult.

Over a year ago he contracted a very severe cold the effects of which he never fully recovered from. He was confined to the house for a short time last spring, but soon was able to be about again, when it was anxiously expected that he would once again regain his usual good health. But Providence ordained otherwise, for about the first of August complications set in which terminated fatally in spite of all that the best medical advice could suggest, and notwithstanding the watchful care and tender nursing of loving relatives and friends. The last rites of his church were administered to him by the Rev. Dr. Walker, P. P. of St. Alexis, and after much suffering most patiently borne, he passed peacefully away in the presence of his loving mother and sister. Deceased was a young man of sterling integrity, who, by his amiable disposition won the love and esteem not only of those with whom he was associated but all who knew him. By his death the Province loses one of its talented sons; the District of Rollo Bay a charitable and law-abiding citizen, the Catholic church a pious and devoted member, and his widowed mother a most obedient and respectful son. On Wednesday, the 13th, his remains were followed by a very large concourse of people to St. Alexis Church, fitly draped in black for the occasion, where a solemn Requiem High Mass was sung by the Rev. D. F. McDonald, after which they repaired to the cemetery where all that was mortal was laid to rest to await the sounding of the trumpet which will call us all together. To his bereaved mother and sister we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

### LORD FARRAR ON THE BETRAYAL.

Within a few days Mr. Asquith and Lord Rosebery, speaking for the Liberal party, have declared that Mr. Chamberlain's scheme for an imperial tariff preference on colonial products was dead and buried. Both speakers credited Sir Wilfrid Laurier with a share in the slaughter. Now we have the further statement of Lord Farrar, the chief speaker of the Cobden Club. He writes that when Mr. Chamberlain outlined his *zolverein* scheme the tendency seemed to be making in favor of the idea. But the meeting of the colonial premiers has in his opinion changed the aspect of affairs and he agrees with the liberal chief that the *zolverein* idea is dead. Lord Farrar knows that Canada was the originator of the proposition, that it had the endorsement of the late Canadian parliament, and was strongly supported in the associated chambers of commerce of the empire. He may not know that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had in Canada pledged his own support to the project, or that since his return to Canada he has declared that any Canadian would be a fool to oppose it. But Lord Farrar does know that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when he went with the other premiers to the imperial conference, lifted his voice against the preferential system and told the imperial government that Canada did not ask or desire a preference for her goods in the British market. Lord Farrar knows that this official declaration, coming from the part of the empire which had led in the agitation for preferential trade, was the death blow to Mr. Chamberlain's *zolverein* scheme. That is the reason that Sir Wilfrid wears on his breast the Cobden Club medal. Sir Wilfrid's declaration as premier of Canada is the reason why Mr. Chamberlain now says that he would not touch preferential trade with a pair of tongs. It is the reason that Mr. Asquith and Lord Rosebery are able to taunt the colonial secretary with the announcement that his scheme is dead and buried.

After all this the people have a right to ask Sir Wilfrid Laurier one thing. Let him now have the decency to stop talking in favor of an imperial preference on Canadian goods, and refrain from saying that he would have got it if he could. Surely we have a right to ask that our betrayer should not continually remind us of the betrayal.—St. John Sun.

### A Musical Mousetrap.

Acting upon the idea that mice are very sensitive to music, a Belgian manufacturer has substituted a musical mousetrap for the common trap. Instead of baiting the apparatus with a bit of cheese or lard the inventor has hidden in a double bottom a small music box, which plays automatically various popular airs of the country. The mice, he insists, are drawn irresistibly toward the music box, and in order to hear better they step into the trap and find themselves prisoners.

### Woman's Way.

"So, after they had fought for her, she married the one who got whipped, did she?"  
"Yes. She reasoned that a man who would fight a man who could whip him must be braver than a man who fought a man he could whip."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is computed on excellent authority that 400,000 larks are sold for the gourmand's table every year at Leadenhall market, London.

### Webster Her Coachman.

When Mrs. Sherwood, the author, who is best known as "M. E. W. S.," was a young girl, she visited Daniel Webster, at Marshfield, with her father and mother. Mrs. Webster met them in her carriage, and the little girl was allowed to sit next Mr. Webster on the driver's box. She was elated indeed when her father put her up there and whispered in her ear:

"Remember this, my daughter—you are to drive five miles with Daniel Webster as your coachman!"

The "coachman" began at once to make himself agreeable.

"So this is your first visit to the sea, Miss Wilson?" said he.

This was an additional joy. No one had ever called her "Miss Wilson." It made a landmark in life. Then he pointed out Seth Peterson, who was walking along the road and who stopped to take some orders from his fellow fisherman.

"You will eat today some fish which Seth and I caught this morning," said Mr. Webster.

Mary was terrified at the responsibilities of conversation, but she made a lucky hit by asking what kinds of fish were easiest to catch. He launched off on his favorite topic and talked of the gamy bass, the ruculant cod and their fellows.

"I suppose," said the little girl, "you enjoy the fish which are the hardest to catch, don't you, Mr. Webster?"

He looked round at her and laughed. "You are beginning young, Miss Wilson," said he. "That is the remark of a coquette."

At dinner he embarrassed her much by repeating the remark as a piece of youthful precocity.—Youth's Companion.

### The Sultan's Punch.

In Max Muller's honor the sultan gave him a dinner. Of course Mrs. Max Muller was not invited, but the lady, in her "Letters From Constantinople," describes it, and the little incident how the sultan drew the line between wine and punch is amusing:

"Nobody spoke except the sultan, whose conversation with the ambassador was most animated, though carried on entirely by an interpreter. My husband, not knowing the Turkish etiquette, began to talk French to his neighbors, but received such very short answers that he, too, relapsed into silence. The sultan, who had evidently seen this, beckoned to Munir Pasha, who whispered something to the ministers of war and marine and began to talk very pleasantly, encouraged by a look from the sultan not to mind such a breach of etiquette. Neither the sultan nor any of the officials present had a drop of wine. None was on the table, nor was any handed round except to unbelievers. The claret, however, was so good that my husband could not resist asking the grand master of ceremonies, 'Who tasted and chose the wine for the imperial table?' He shrugged his shoulders, as though he would say, 'You can guess.' One of the items of the menu was punch. It was iced punch, smelling so strongly that every one could perceive the alcohol in it, but neither the sultan nor any of his guests were afraid of it. It was called punch, and *pooria* is not forbidden in the Koran."

### FRIENDS PREVAILED

A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time—She Makes a Statement.

TORONTO, ONT.—"I was troubled with nervousness. It was impossible for me to keep still and if the spells came over me during the night I had to get up and walk the floor for hours at a time. My blood was very poor and I was subject to bilious attacks. My feet would swell and I was not able to do my own housework. I treated with two of the best physicians here but only received relief for a time. I became discouraged. One day a friend called and advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I laughed at the advice but I was prevailed upon and procured one bottle. Before I used it all I began to feel better. I took several bottles and also several boxes of Hood's Pills. Now I can eat and drink heartily and sleep soundly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has entirely cured me and also strengthened me so that I now do all my own work. I cheerfully recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers from nervousness, weakness or general debility." Mrs. H. F. PARM, Degross Street.

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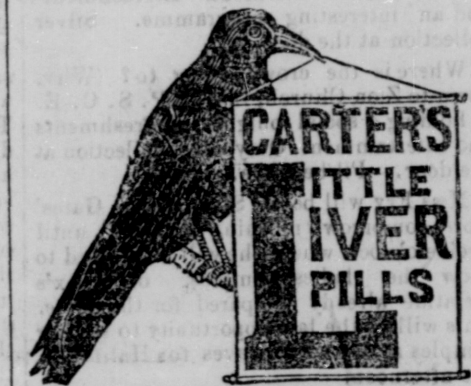
### POLITENESS NOT WANTED.

In the Case of the Elevator Man It Should Be Discouraged.

In view of the fact that the various petty employees of large corporations are usually not overburdened with politeness or consideration for the public, the complaint recently made against a passenger elevator man seems remarkable. It was alleged that the man was "too polite for safety." The man who was the subject of the complaint did what hundreds of elevator men do. When the elevator gets to the ground floor, the conductor usually steps out of the car to get a whiff of fresh air, to say a word to the hallman or possibly make inquiry about the hall game.

The hallman or starter shouts "Going up!" to the people coming into the hall, and the elevator man stands in front of the cage and politely asks his passenger to "step in," while he remains on the outside until the starter shouts "L right!" Then he cuts his sentence short, steps into the cage, starts the elevator and slams the door after the ascent has begun.

Most persons "step in" when asked to do so, but occasionally a man with an eye to self preservation refuses to do so, and one of that class made the complaint. The man who insists on the elevator man being in the car before he will go in is usually looked upon by the man of many ups and downs as foolishly careful, but owners of buildings who are held responsible for the safety of their tenants while riding in the elevators are pleased to see them firm on that point. It may look well for a uniformed man to step aside and ask the passengers to precede him into the elevator cage, but many persons will agree with the man who made the complaint that it is a case of politeness which should be discouraged in the interest of safety.—New York Tribune.



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