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The Bone That Wears.

"No, hoof, no horse," is an old norseman's adage that finds verification wherever horse power is employed. It might be said with equal propriety, no bone, no hoof, for the good hoof invariably accompanies the fine, hard bone; or, to put it negatively, a good hoof rarely accompanies a poor quality of

When we say that a horse has bone of good quality, we mean in general that the entire bony structure of the horse is of good quality, but in a more specific sense we refer to the bones and tendons found in those parts of the horse's limbs below the knee and below the hock. The term "flat bone" cannot be translated literally, for we all know that the bones of a horse's leg are not flat. Yet the horseman tells us that a horse must have "flat bone," shaped like a razor with the heavy part forward, the edge back. By this he means that the tendons which act upon and in conjunction with the bones should set well back from them and should be free from all meatiness or excess tissue of any kind It is therefore the tendons which form the "flat bone," just as it is the excess of meat and connective tissue wrapped about the ten dons which causes the so-called 'round bone.' The bone itself is as round in one case as in the other, but the designation "flat" is used when the tendons stand back to give a razorlike shape to the leg, while "round" refers to the condition when there is so much useless tissue around the tendons that the leg as well as the bone is round or nearly so.

But why do we want "flat bone" in a horse? Is he any more useful because his leg happens to be flat instead of round? Is he any more active, or can he do any more work because his tendons are clean-cut and free from meatiness? We answer both questions in the affirmative, and then the story is not half told. Indeed, a horse is more useful

round. He is more useful because his tendons are placed in a position which gives him the greatest possible leverage at the joints. He is more useful because his tendons act freely and cause full flexion of the parts moved. Because of these facts he is, of course, more active and can do more work. Lastly, the clean cut tendons mean hard, fliuty bone, and that means freedom from splints, spavins, curbs, sidebones and all the other ills that horse bone is heir to. There is a harmonious relation between all parts of the body so that an indication of coarseness in one part finds its counterpart elsewhere. A loose, meaty structure in the tendinous parts of the leg is an indication of a relatively loose and soft, bony structure, and it is this kind of bone that is subject to all sorts of malformations. Besides this, the limb which is overburdened with useless tissue is the one that will be most readily affected with windpuffs, bog and blood spavins. The tendency to looseness in structure extends to the hoofs and opens the way for quarter cracks, contracted heels, etc. Investigators tell us that, other things being equal, the tendency to scratches and grease is much greater with the "round" than with the "flat bone."

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That evening, when Twinkleton came home from business, he left his hat on the dinner table, where it remained during the meal, Mrs. Twinkleton appearing sweetly unconscious of it.

'Hullo!' said her husband, at the close of the meal, 'what's my hat doing there, I think it ought to have been hung up.'

'So do I, dear,' said his wife, pleasantly,

but meaningly.

Twinkleton laughed a little self-counsciously, and placed his hat on its peg.

Next morning, when changing his suit, he threw the discarded garments on the floor. When, on the following evening, he found them in the same place, he complained that the floor had not been swept.

'Certainly it has,' said Mrs. Twinkleton, but I told Jane not to disturb any of your personal belongings. . . And there is a wardrobe for your clothes.'

Twinkleton picked up his garments with a puzzled expression, and placed them in their proper receptacle.

And so it went on; Twinkleton's clothes, his pipe, and his personal effects generally were left piously wherever he laid them down, until, in the bitterness of his soul, he complained one day that the place looked like a pig-sty.

'Yes, my dear; I agree with you,' said Mrs. Twinkleton, pleasantly.

Twinkleton looked up sharply, but made

'But don't let it worry you, dear,' she continued; 'you shall put your things wherever you please. Of course, it would look better

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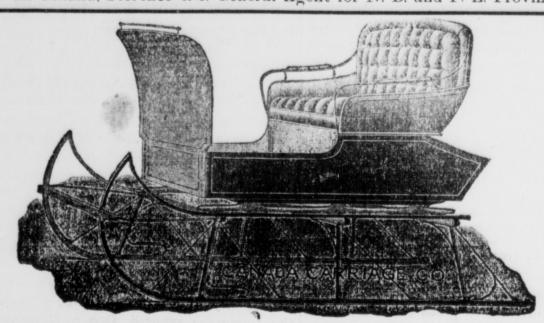
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