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ST. CROIX STOCK FARM.

A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE OF A ST. STEPHEN GENTLEMAN.

Mr. W. F. Todd, Who Has Done Much to Improve the Stock of the Country by Bringing Thoroughbreds Into It—Something of the Farm and Horses.

When Mr. W. F. Todd, a young and wealthy resident of St. Stephen invested about \$100,000 in a stock farm on the St. Croix, hundreds of his friends predicted that the investment would prove a ruinous one. That is only about two years ago, and now the feeling is almost universal that his enterprise will greatly enrich the province, prove profitable to himself and make him famous as the owner of one of the most successful stock farms in the world.

For some years previous to any action, Mr. Todd had considered the necessity that existed for the improvement of the horse stock of Charlotte county and vicinity. He finally resolved to import a few good animals and give the farmers and local horsemen the benefit of his investment. With this idea in mind he purchased the property known as the Oak Point farm at the Ledge, about five miles below St. Stephen, containing 115 acres. No more beautiful spot than this could have been selected.

Passing from the stable to the bluff at the left, 150 yards away, the situation affords one of the finest views that can be seen. Looking to the south four miles below is to be noticed Doucett Island, with its revolving light and famous history as the settlement for the French when they first discovered the St. Croix. The resemblance of the river to a cross can be seen more plainly from the bluff at the farm than from Doucett Island itself; and it is just possible that the French visited what is now the stock farm before naming the river the St. Croix. This opinion is based first on the fact just stated and, secondly, in consequence of French brick having been found on the farm. Looking directly to the right are to be seen the Devil's Head, with a new summer hotel under its shadow; Red Beach, a busy village devoted to the manufacture of plaster and red granite; Brook's Bluff, behind which nestles the little town of Robbinston; and Perry shore—the eye almost reaching to Eastport.

To the left of the Perry shore rises Deer Island, and thence following the river the scenes presenting themselves are Joe's Point, which hides from view the town of St. Andrews; Sandy Point, back of which, within a few miles, are the much talked of Chamcook mountains.

Casting the eye a little further up-river, we come to the mouth of Oak Bay, which forms the eastern and northern boundary of the farm, and which extends five miles inland—dotted with pretty coves and two large islands. This is but a faint description of the picture to be seen from the bluff referred to. The St. Croix, beautiful

at many points, holds no other view that can compare with it in beauty. Salt-water-bounded on three sides, breezes crossing it all the time, a perfect freedom from flies and other insects—what more healthy place could have been selected for a stock farm? But to return to the farm itself.

After the purchase, Mr. Todd's first step was to improve the land and premises. The extensive farm house was repaired and renovated, the two large barns were overhauled and renewed, the smaller being fitted with stalls for horses, the larger for stock purposes, and the work of draining the farm was begun. To this last undertaking nature bountifully contributed, for

press house. In this are two presses, used in making pumace to enrich the already rich soil of the farm. Here, also, is a boat-house for Mr. Todd's steam yacht, *Marguerite*, which he uses in connection with the farm and for pleasure purposes. In the spring of 1886 Mr. Todd purchased another farm, containing 100 acres, which adjoins his former purchase, and which is now included in his work of improvement. In addition to the system of drainage already alluded to, this comprises the laying out of roads, the planting of trees, and a half mile track for exercise. In the fall of 1887 the brick made during that season was utilized in the construction of a new

floor of the barn is used as a storehouse for hay and grain and contains a large granary. It is capable of holding 100 tons of hay and 1200 bushels of grain. The granary is connected with the lower floor by means of a chute. The capacity of the new barn is supplemented by that of the old ones, giving ample opportunity for the storage of fully 300 tons of hay and 2500 bushels of grain. On the second floor of the new barn, also, is the hostlers' sleeping room. The supply of water at the stable and house is excellent and ample, the water being brought 400 yards from a running brook, fed by two never failing springs, through a six inch drain pipe laid

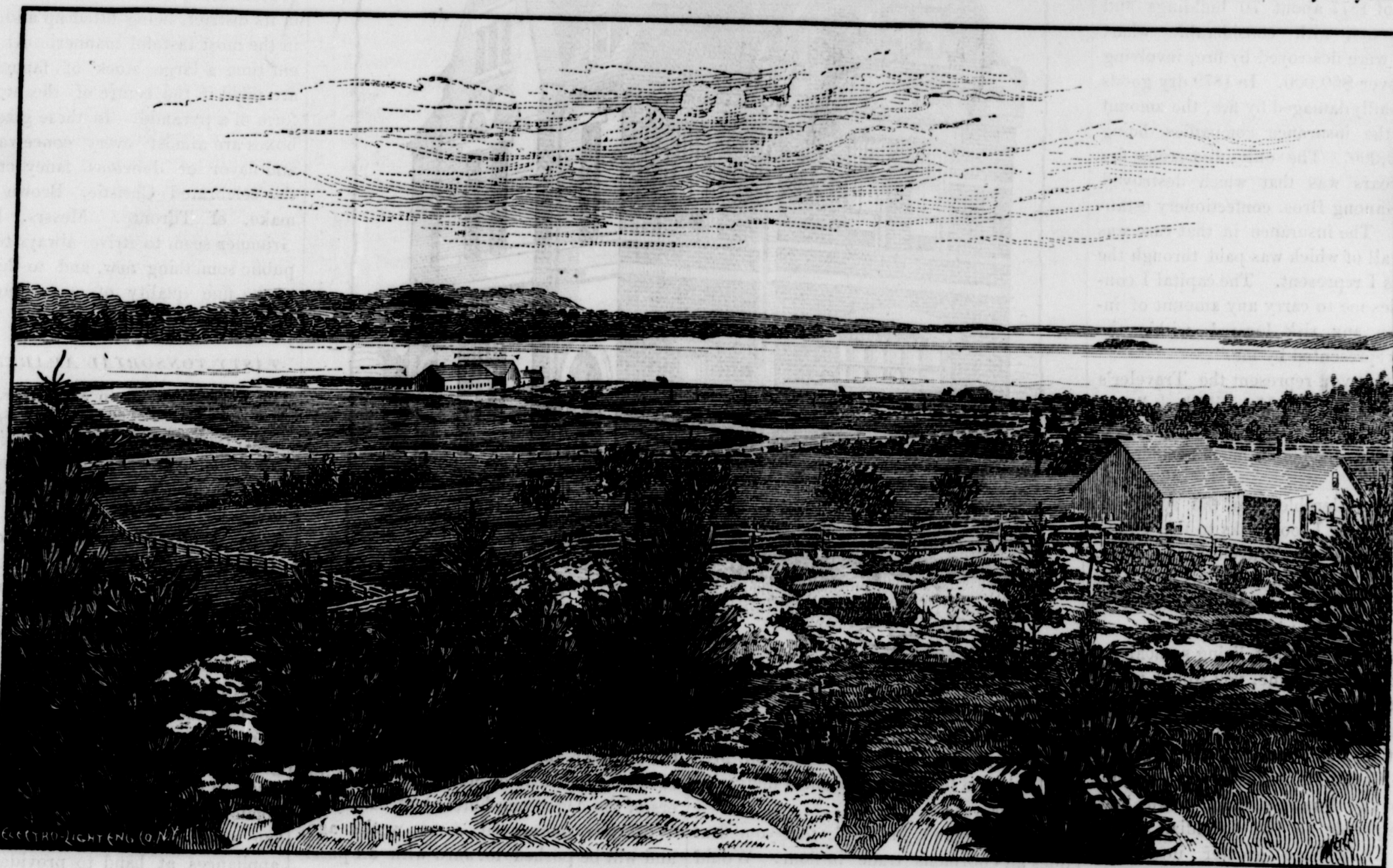
he has proved himself one of the very gamest race-horses, and is conceded to be the fastest horse of his inches in the world. He has trotted an authenticated quarter in 30 seconds, and the middle half in a race in 1.04. This is enough to know his speed. His first colt, Snooks, Mr. W. L. Simmons states, turned a quarter in 29 seconds, and but for an unfortunate accident to his leg, would have before this attained a wonderfully low record. Lumps, by the showing of his produce, is proving himself a great sire, and promises to be one of the most prepotent of the Geo. Wilkes stallions. Except five or six he got during his trotting career, his colts are yet young, but it is

Of this celebrated stallion, that excellent horse authority, Dr. Bailey, the veterinary of the State of Maine, says:

Lumps was first in the hearts of Kentuckians, for I never heard a more unanimous, and apparently sincere expression of regret at the departure of a horse from any state than in the case of this remarkable little horse. Everybody had a good word to say for him, many of them being stallion owners, thus showing a spirit much too little cultivated among owners in my native state. Mr. Franco, owner of Red Wilkes and Wilton, says he is the best little horse that ever lived, and that he timed him in his race at St. Louis, a quarter in 31½ seconds, and a half mile in 1.04. Barney Tracey, owner of Fayette Wilkes, Bermuda, Banker and others, told me he considered the best son of George Wilkes was leaving Kentucky and that he had bred five mares to him last season. Mr. Tracey says he has now the fastest two-year-old colt by him he ever bred, and that is saying a great deal, for many of the most famous of Kentucky youngsters have passed through his hands. Upon meeting Mr. Lucius Broadhead, I asked him if he thought Lumps would make a good horse in my country. "He would make a good horse in any country," replied the master of Woodburn farm, "for he is as beautiful as a woman, and he retains more of the characteristics of his sire than any of his sons, in my opinion." Says Col. Strader: "He is the gamiest and fastest horse of his size that ever appeared on trotting turf. Of course we all understand that if he is used on small mares he should get small colts, but give him fair-sized mares and he will get as large colts as his full brothers, who are both sixteen hands high. Mr. Wilson, owner of Sultan, says Lumps is a great horse; he looks and acts more like George Wilkes than any other of his sons; he could surely trot in 2.16 or 17 when on the turf. These are but few of the many kind words I heard of Lumps in Lexington, and everybody unites in the expression, that he is really a 'great little horse.' It may be urged that Lumps has but one in the 2.30 list, Snooks (2.30), which is all true, but it should be remembered that he has but three or four of the age of Snooks (who is much faster than his record), and has been campaigned since, until the last four years, and the oldest colts he has are but three years old, while if the samples I saw of them around Lexington are any criterion of his get, there will be a school of them enter the charmed circle within the next few years."

Elation (6200) is the next stallion in point of age, and from his superb breeding and individual characteristics should prove a great sire. He is a solid bay with black points; stands 16-1, and weighs now 1,215 lbs. The cut in the corner of this page has been made recently of him, and is an exact likeness. He is beautifully gaited and fast, promising a low record when put in training. Elation is five years old, and is by Electioneer, sire of 40 2.30 performers, and the greatest stallion living today as judged by the 2.30 list. Electioneer is the sire of Hinda Rose, one year, 2.36½, three years, 2.19½; Wild Flower, two years, 2.21; Sunol, two years, 2.18; Manzanita, four years, 2.16; Bell Boy, three years, 2.19½ (sold for \$51,000), and a host of others. Elation's dam was Sally Graham, by Volunteer, another of the greatest of Hambletonian's sons, and the sire of the gamest family of race horses that have yet been produced. Volunteer is the sire of St. Julien, 2.11½; Gloster, 2.17; Alley, 2.19; Bodine, 2.19½; Driver, 2.19½; Amy, 2.20½, and 20 others in the 2.30 list.

Edgardo, the third stallion on the farm, is four years old, a fine bay with two white hind feet and star; stands 15 2½ and



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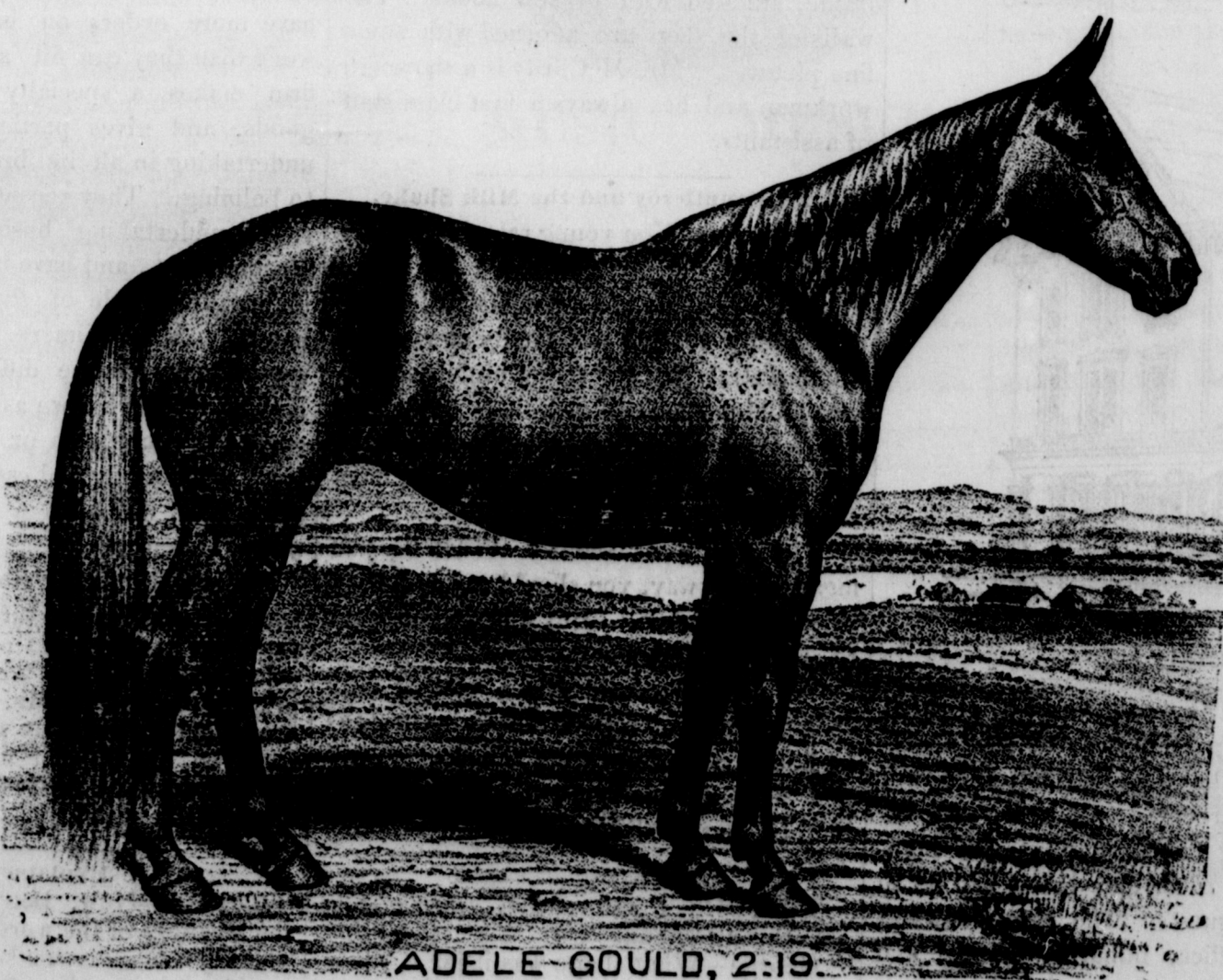
on the shore of the farm was discovered an almost inexhaustible bed of clay, which was found suitable for the manufacture of drain pipes and brick. Two English tile and brick making machines were imported, a building, 100x32 feet, was erected for their reception, and the making of pipes and bricks was begun. In 1886 and 1887, as much pipe was manufactured as could be used on the farm and a large quantity was sold. The farm contains two or three fine fishing privileges, and two weirs were erected to secure a supply of fish for fertilizing purposes. The necessity for convenience in landing the fish as they were taken from the weirs, and for the shipment of pipe and brick compelled the erection of wharves. Two wharves were constructed, and on one of them was placed a

stable, 140x43 feet, in which are kept the horses which have already begun to make the St. Croix famous. The barn is built with a 12-inch brick wall and has a cellar under its whole extent. The lower floor contains 19 box stalls, with a passage way between, 13 feet wide, and running the entire length of the structure. Here, also, is a handsomely furnished office, and harness "rubbing out" and blanket rooms. The stalls are each about 12x14 feet in size and are sheathed with oiled hardwood, as, indeed, are all the walls and ceilings in the lower flat. The appliances for ventilation are of the most improved pattern, each stall communicating with the central passages by means of a window, which in its turn communicates with three large sized ventilators in the roof. The upper

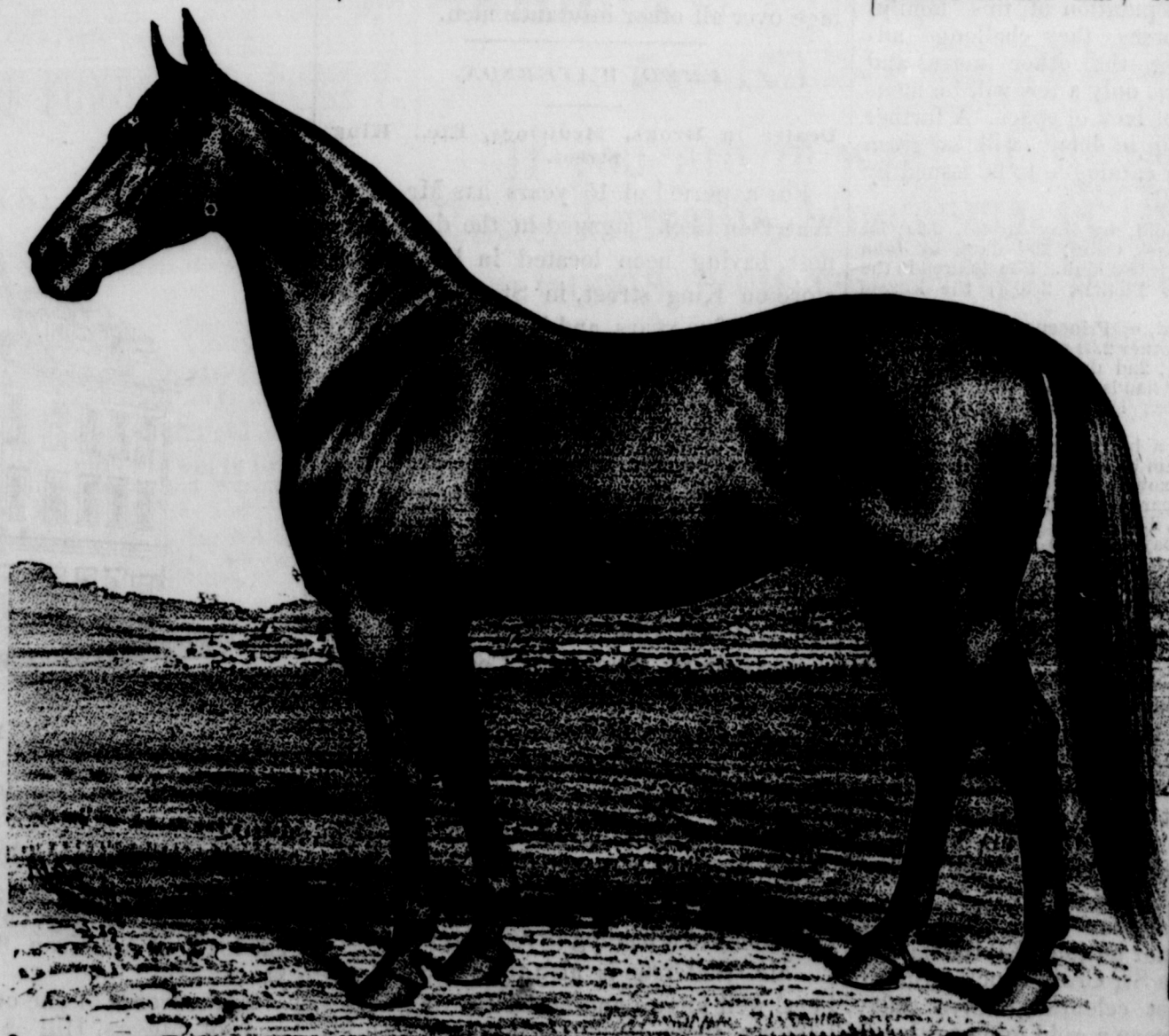
for the purpose. From this main pipe, a three inch pipe carries the water into a cistern in the cellar of the new barn, whence it is pumped for use; a two inch pipe performs the same service for the old stable well, and another of the same size supplies the house well. These pipes furnish an ample quantity of good water for all purposes at all times.

Of the horses in connection with the farm scores of columns might be written. The premier stallion is the great horse Lumps (3922). Lumps is a beautiful seal brown, 14-3 hands high, weighing 1000 lbs.; record 2.21. Trotting up to his ninth year (when he was put in the stud),

more than probable that a number of the get of Lumps will be added to the 2.30 list before the season closes. Lumps is by the mighty Geo. Wilkes, 2.22, who heads the 2.30 list as a sire, and whose sons and daughters are breeding race horses beyond those of any other sire yet before the public. Lumps' dam, Mother Lumps, by Pearsall, will in a few years rank among the greatest of brood mares, and will probably, before the season closes, have two new additions to the 2.30 list (Monte Christo and Sunset). Lumps is now standing for the season 1889 near Boston, but will probably make his next season at St. Croix farm.



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