



RAISING PONIES PAYS WELL

Thoroughbred Shetlands Are Always in Demand and Exceptionally Fine Specimens Scarce.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)
We know of no better way for a boy to start in business than by raising Shetland ponies. A very well-bred mare can be bought for \$125 to \$200, and the latter figure being for a purebred.

Starting with a mare in foal, a boy should, in the course of five years, find himself in possession of enough animals to start him on the highway road to success.

It is always best to buy thoroughbreds for breeding, but if crosses are used with a thoroughbred stallion one can in time breed up to a very high standard. Shetlands are very easily kept. They require but little grain and will do very well on rocky hill-sides where there is fair pasturage.

They need shelter in bad weather, of course, but an open shed, wind-tight on three sides, leaving the south side, will be adequate if necessary.

A good wire fence is required to keep them in bounds, as Shetlands are extremely curious and somewhat restless, and will manage to get over, under or through the average farm fence.

If handled from birth, they are very easily broken and at three years old will be ready to ride or drive. Thoroughbred Shetlands find ready sale at prices ranging from \$125 to \$200, and exceptionally fine specimens bring even higher prices.

WEIGHING GAME IS POPULAR

New Pastime in France Meeting With Much Favor—Much Skill Required of Player.

A unique game in which the degree of skill in estimating the weight of a number of balls by holding them in the hand one at a time constitutes the ability of each player, is meeting with much favor in France. The accessories are the balance device, shown in the illustration, and two

sets of balls, all alike in size, varying but slightly in weight.

In starting the game, the beam of the balance is held in place in the same manner as the ordinary weighing balance, and each player takes a set of balls and proceeds to place them one at a time, in the depressions in the respective pans. The object of each player is to place the heaviest of the balls in the depression farthest from the center of the balance. After the balls are in place, the beam is released and a hand on top of the balance registers the winner and the number of points his side outweighs or outbalances that of his competitor. Thus the player who can estimate most accurately the comparative weights of the balls by simply weighing them in his hands wins the game.

WHITTIER'S DOG QUITE WISE

Canine Gave Evidence of Much Delight When Visiting Lady Sang Ballad, "Robin Adair."

During one of the last birthday celebrations of the poet Whittier he was visited by a celebrated singer. The lady was asked to sing, and, seating herself at the piano she began the beautiful ballad of "Robin Adair." She had hardly begun before Mr. Whittier's pet dog came into the room and, seating himself by her side, watched her as though fascinated, listening with delight unselfishly in an animal. When she had finished he came and put his paw very gently into her hand and licked her cheek.

"Robin takes that as a tribute to himself," said Mr. Whittier. "He also is 'Robin Adair.'"

The dog, hearing his own name, was evidently considered that he was the hero of the song. From that moment, during the lady's visit he was her devoted attendant. He kept by her side while she was indoors, and when she went away he carried her bag in his mouth to the gate and watched her departure with every evidence of distress.

Naturally, Tommy had been given two new pens—one for candy and the other for Sunday school.

By and by he came in from play and said:

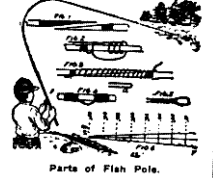
"Which one, dear?" she asked.

"The Sunday school one," he replied.

MAKE SERVICEABLE FISH ROD

By Using Four Pieces of Hickory and Following Directions Good Pole May be Made.

Here is the way to make a good serviceable fish pole, says the American Boy. Get four pieces of hickory of any hard wood and trim them neatly to the length, say two feet. Each of the sections is now given a uniform taper, with jack knife and sandpaper. The diagram, fig. 4, shows the proper mode to follow in shaping of the wood. In its eight feet of length the pole tapers from one inch in diameter to one-eighth inch. The figures in the diagram represent the amount you would cut off provided the pole measured feet instead of inches. The joints are fastened together in quite a new way. Cut them to a sharp point. Now dip them in this glue, press firmly together and wrap outside of both with heavy cord. Any good grade of fish line will do, this is preferred. Figs. 2 and 3 explain the outside wrapping. The guides for the



Parts of Fish Pole.

line to run through are shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Fig. 6 is the end of the pole. It is a wire loop lashed tightly to the pole. Fig. 4 is a piece of wire put in at each joint and held there by the same wrapping that holds the joints together. The outside of the pole should be smoothed with fine sandpaper and then rubbed with oil. Though the cost of the pole is next to nothing, you will find it tough and reliable.

SEVERE ON GIRLS IN PERSIA

From Hour of Birth Social Inequality Between Sexes Asserts Itself—Celibacy a Disgrace.

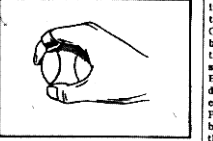
The birth of a girl in Persia is received with pity, even by her mother. "Why should I not weep over my little girl, who will have to endure the same miseries as I have known?" she cries. "She is of so little value! Who knows whether her father will not one day throw her out of the window and so silence forever her wailing? And why should he be annoyed? He knows he may do such a thing with impunity. No one cares any more than if it was a cat which had to suffer for his wench."

From the hour of birth the social inequality between the sexes asserts itself. Infant mortality is very high, owing to the ignorance and inexperience of the women. Since celibacy is considered a disgrace, girls are often married as young as ten or twelve. In order to reduce the rate of infant mortality some men have suggested that the mother should have a finger cut off every time she lost a child. This cruelty, however, has not been adopted. But that it should have entered into the minds of any Persian man is significant enough.—Je Sais Tout.

MAKING A BASEBALL CURVE

Collapsible Vacuum Cup, Formed of Rubber, is Designed to Aid the Budding Pitcher.

The little device shown in the illustration is designed to help the budding baseball pitcher. It consists of a vacuum cup formed of rubber, designed to collapse



to a greater or less extent under the pressure of the finger, according to the amount of curve desired. It is slipped over the forefinger of the pitching hand.

RIDDLES.

Why is the 12:50 train the hardest to catch? It is ten to one if you catch it.

Who may be said to have had the largest family in America? George Washington, for he was the Father of His Country.

When will water stop running downhill? When it gets to the bottom.

Why is it important for a physician to keep his temper? Because if he did not he would lose his patients.

NEWS OF ILLINOIS

Peoria.—With the discussion of methods to promote best results in the religious work by young people in the church, the closing session of the Iowa Baptist association was held here. Reports from the various organizations affiliated with the churches show the Baptist churches in the section in a prosperous condition. Officers chosen in the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. section for the district the coming year in Illinois: vice-president, John Harn, Chicago; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Anna Turnbill, Ocolea; advisory committee, A. O. Oden, Hurdwick; Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Galeburg; A. C. Maple, Peoria.

Springfield.—The executive board of the Illinois miners to act for Attorney General Stead to give assistance in defending the work of the compensation act, the validity of which has been attacked in Cook county courts. The executive board petitioned the attorney general to aid Daniel Ross of the state bureau of labor statistics appointed to the meeting of the board at Springfield and informed the members that the law was upheld by the general assembly in its jeopardy. Frank Farrington, international executive board member, was present.

Lincoln.—A decree of divorce has been granted by Judge T. M. Harris to Mrs. Gladys Dunham Parvis of Atlanta, liberating her from Laureine Nicomede Parvis, grand opera singer, whom she married in New York five years ago after a romantic courtship. He is on his estate at Sarona, Italy, from which his wife fled after he had made attempts on her life. She is given custody of their daughter, three years old.

Springfield.—Illinois Socialists filed their list of presidential electors and trustees of the University of Illinois with Secretary of State Doyle. This insures the party a place in the November ballot. Candidates for university trustees, Hazel Joseph Cheney, Mary O. Heilly and Elizabeth Coeger Kaneko, all of Chicago.

Charleston.—The fifth annual convention of the Rebekah lodges of Coles county closed. Officers chosen follow: President, Mrs. Hattie Wright, Charleston; vice-president, Mrs. Bessie Mattoon; secretary, Mrs. Blanche Hallowell, Charleston; treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Burke, Charleston. Mattoon was selected as the next convention place.

Eureka.—Lynn Devora, a student in Eureka college, was arrested in Bloomington charged with theft. He was brought here and was bound over to the grand jury in \$500 bonds. He failed to give bond and is in jail. Devora, about a year ago, it is alleged, had stolen a watch from Miss Cassie Shortridge.

Champaign.—The advisory committee of soil investigation of the University of Illinois started on their trip of inspection through Illinois. They inspected the agricultural college, the experimental fields and the laboratories in Urbana. They also visited at Oblong. The committee will visit Olin, Lebanon and Mascoutah. The plant for grinding limestone at the Chester penitentiary will also be inspected. The committee will also inspect the fields at Carlville and Bloomington.

Springfield.—Steps were taken toward the transfer of the 116 boys in the Worthy school in Chicago to the State Boys school at St. Charles. The move is to be made because of the undesirable association of the boys of the Worthy institution with the inmates of the Bridewell, the penal institution, next door. Alderman S. Mayer of Chicago came to Springfield to confer with President L. F. Sherman of the state board of administration relative to the transfer. Sherman at once wrote to Superintendent Adams of the St. Charles home, asking him to hurry arrangements for the transfer.

Springfield.—Officers and delegates of the Nichols (Mo.) lodge of the Missouri Anti-Horse Thief association have been elected as follows: W. T. Zink, president; T. L. Jones, vice-president; C. W. Gardner, secretary; J. S. Carpenter, financial secretary; L. D. Johnson, treasurer; A. R. Alsup, marshal; and L. F. Carpenter, grand. Delegates to the convention at Monett, October 5, also were chosen.

Sterling.—In falling from a silo, Charles Weaver severed a large artery in his left arm and nearly died to death before assistance reached him.

Mount Carmel.—According to the figures last compiled there was a total of 136 supposed owl wells completed in Illinois during the month of August, of which 21 were either gas wells or dry holes and 95 oil producers, with a new production of 614 barrels, or an average of 64.4 barrels to the well.

Mahomet.—A dog which bit a person died of hydrophobia. One child of a mad stone and eight others of other children, were hurried to the Pasteur Institute at Chicago.

VARIETY OF CUSTARDS

SURELY SOME HERE TO PLEASE ANY PALATE.

Chocolate, Always a Favorite, May Be Easily and Quickly Prepared.—Made From Cocoa, Cocoa Butter, Is Another Delicious Confection.

Chocolate Custard.—Cook 4 tablespoons cocoa in one-half cup hot water till thick, then add cups hot milk. Pour over well-beaten eggs and stir well. Strain into a pudding dish and steam 20 minutes. Serve with whipped cream piled on top, sweetened and flavored. One cup sugar should be added to the custard.

French Apple Custard.—To one pint apple sauce add one quart sweet milk, four eggs, one tablespoon cornstarch, pinch of salt, one-fourth grated nutmeg, one tablespoon melted butter. Juice one lemon and grate rind of half. Bake with under crust only and do not put any meringue on it.

Hot Custard.—Poach the beaten whites of four eggs by spoonfuls in three cups of scalding milk, drain thoroughly and return the milk which is the yolks of the eggs until light, add half a cup of sugar and half a tablespoon of salt, pour in the hot milk slowly, then stir and cook until thick. Remove from fire, add three-quarters of a cup of chopped nut meats, flavor with almond or vanilla, turn into a glass dish and cover with the powdered sugar.

Coffee Custard.—The half cup of ground coffee in a muslin bag, put it in a quart of hot milk and cook 30 minutes in a double boiler. Put one tablespoonful of flour into one cup of sugar, add half saltspoon of salt and four beaten eggs, stir in the coffee milk and in the double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Fill sherbet cups with the custard and serve ice cold with a spoonful of whipped cream in each.

Orange Custard.—Peel four sweet oranges, remove all white pith and cut in circles. Lay the slices in a glass dish and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Pour over them a custard made of the yolks of two eggs, one tablespoon of sugar, one cup of milk and vanilla flavoring. Put above mixture in a saucepan and set it in a larger pan of boiling water. Heat slowly and stir till it begins to thicken. Do not let it boil or it will curdle. Add whites of eggs, beat thoroughly and pour over oranges. Serve cold.

Lemon Custard.—Grate the thin, yellow rind of lemon and press out all the juice. Mix the grated rind and juice with one cup of water, place over the fire and allow to boil, then strain in a double boiler. Put above mixture in a saucepan and set it in a larger pan of boiling water. Heat slowly and stir till it begins to thicken. Do not let it boil or it will curdle. Add whites of eggs, beat thoroughly and pour over oranges. Serve cold.

Tapoca and Milk Soup.
Use half a cupful of tapoca, two cupfuls of water, two pints of milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of flour, a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of pepper, one medium sized onion, two blades of celery and a slice of carrot, cut in small pieces. Wash the tapoca and soak it for six hours in two cupfuls of cold water, then put it in a double boiler and set it on the stove to heat. Put the butter, the onion and the celery chopped fine into a small frying pan and cook slowly for ten minutes; add the flour and stir until smooth and frothy. Pour the contents of pan into a boiler of hot milk, add the salt, pepper and onion and cook ten minutes longer. Strain the milk mixture into the boiler containing the tapoca and cook all for half an hour.

Sweet Pickled Peaches.
To seven pounds of fruit allow three and three-quarter pounds of sugar. Put the sugar into a kettle with one quart of vinegar and two ounces each of cloves and stick cinnamon. Wash the peaches and stick a clove or two in each one. Place a few at a time in the boiling strap and cook until the fruit is tender. Drain the peaches as to fall apart. When all cooked and removed from the strap, continue to boil the strap until it is reduced nearly one-half then pour over the peaches.

Delicious Fudge Cake.
Break into a bowl two eggs and add a cup and a half of milk. Place in a crack and add two cups of sugar, two cups of flour (sifted two or three times), two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, then add four teaspoonfuls cocoa, last add three tablespoonfuls melted lard. Place in pans and bake. Fill with one teaspoonful of each of marshmallows, lay even on thin plate, place in moderate oven till marshmallows spread out in shape of the plate; spread with the above ingredients.



Electric Bitters

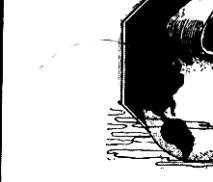
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