

### HOW EXPERTS MARK PRIZE EXHIBITS

#### SCORE CARDS ON ALL DISPLAYS OF PRODUCE AT EXPOSITION—MANY INTERESTING DETAILS ARE NOTED

#### System of Awards Will Be Worth Study of Farmers Who Attend Rochester Show, Opening August 30



Prize-Winning Fruit at Rochester Exposition.

What constitutes a perfect barrel of apples? What are the standards in selecting the perfect potato? What is the standard in judging prize wheat? Many farmers and fruit growers are unable to answer these questions. A small percentage of buyers can give a scientific or even an intelligent answer. However, the points on which agricultural and horticultural products are marked by expert judges are as well established and as free from "guesswork" as are the markings of a civil service examination. Perfection depends on small things, but perfection is not in itself a small thing. High grade apples, pears, grapes and other fruit, superior potatoes and vegetables of all sorts, first-grade wheat and cereals all have a standard, which is the judgment of the best experts.

points; size, 10 points; color, 20 points; quality, 15 points; freedom from blemish, 20 points. A total of 10 points is given for the package, 4 points for the material and 6 points for the fish of such package. Picking is regarded of sufficient importance to receive in addition 15 points, as follows: Facing, 8 points; tailing, 4 points; pressing, 3 points.

Here is the scale of marking potatoes. The perfect potato exhibit, receiving a 100 per cent mark, will be perfect in these detailed points: Uniformity, 20 points; blemishes and disease, 15 points; shape, 15 points; size, 10 points; quality of flesh, 10 points; depth and frequency of eyes, 15 points; color and texture of skin, 15 points. These explanations are offered of the markings. The exhibit must be uniform in all physical characteristics; there must be no evidence of blight, rot, grub, scab, sunburn or injury from handling; there should be a moderate oval flat or round flat shape; the size should be medium; there should be a fine textured flesh of light color, free from excess moisture, hollow or dark spots; the eyes should be few and shallow; the skin should be thin, smooth and preferably white.

In judging corn here is a curious subdivision of the points, making up the 100 per cent perfection required by the experts: Truthness to type, 10 points; shape of ear, 10; color of kernels, 5; color of cob, 5; vitality or seed condition, 10; tips of ears, 5; butts of ears, 5; uniformity of kernels, 10; shape of kernels, 5; length of ear, 10; circumference of ear, 5; furrow between rows, 5; space between kernels on cob, 5; proportion of corn to cob, 10; total, 100 points.

Similar scales of expert marking have been established for the several hundred classes of fruits, vegetables, grains and other produce to be exhibited. Fruit growers, market gardeners, farmers, grocers and buyers will find it profitable to spend many hours in studying this phase of the exposition. It offers a field for practical investigation that will result in better fruit and vegetables, with consequent higher prices, for exact knowledge always brings better results than hazy guesswork on the farm. Prize cards containing the scientific score cards may be obtained by writing the secretary, Edgar F. Edwards, 309 Power Building, Rochester.

**Animals at Play.**  
That the lower animals do not laugh, that they have no sense of humor, is hard to understand when we think how thoroughly they love to play. From the highest to the humblest they show the keenest joy in sport, but they cannot laugh. If they could perhaps the power would bring with it other mental gifts, such as to upset the whole order of things. Be that as it may, the watcher of wild life never gets used to the sight of their mirthless sport, for in all other respects their play is entirely human.

A great deal of human play is serious—desperately serious on the football field and at the card table, especially when a lonely player at solitaire, for instance, is trying to "kill time."

"I have watched a great ungainly hippopotamus trying by the four to do the same solemn thing—cuffing a croquet ball back and forth from one end of his cage to the other. His keepers said that without the plying the poor caged giant would fret and worry himself to death. It was his game of solitaire."—Dallas Lore Sharp in St. Nicholas.

**Famous Dams.**  
The construction of the gigantic storage wall, known as the Burrinjuck dam, the most interesting part of the New South Wales irrigation scheme, was a clever piece of engineering work. Indeed, it ranks as one of the greatest dams in the world, both in regard to height and volume of water impounded. It is 236 feet high, 188 feet thick at the base, tapering to 18 feet at the top and some 780 feet in length. The famous dam at Assuan, on the Nile, has a total height of only 156 feet, while the great Croton and Roosevelt dams in America eclipse the Burrinjuck structure by only a few feet. It is a massive wall of concrete over thirty feet higher than the London monument. This colossal structure, however, had to be built across the bed of a river subjected to floods, in a deep gorge whose sides were so steep that it was impossible to establish workshops upon them.—London Mail.

**Thackeray's Appetite.**  
Thackeray, telling of a dinner he enjoyed at Antwerp, said it consisted of green pea soup, boiled salmon, mussels, crimped skate, roast meat patties, melon, carp stewed with mushrooms and onions, roast turkey, cauliflower, fillets of venison, stewed calf's ear, roast veal, roast lamb, stewed cherries, Gruyere cheese and about twenty-four cakes of different kinds. Except five, thirteen and fourteen I ate all, with three rolls of bread and a score of potatoes.

Those twenty potatoes remind the reader of the dreadful disfigurement of Charlotte Bronte when she came to London and sat opposite her literary lion at dinner. "Oh, Mr. Thackeray," she cried in shocked surprise as she watched him eat. She had never imagined a hero who ate potatoes by the score.

**Followed Suit.**  
In the highlands of Scotland a chief is always addressed by the name of his estate. An amusing story is told of Sir Frank Lockwood. On one occasion when Macleane of Lochbuie and his wife arrived at a social gathering they were announced quite correctly by the butler as "Lochbuie and Mrs. Macleane." Sir Frank and Lady Lockwood happened to arrive at the same time, and Sir Frank, having overheard the other announcement, whispered hurriedly to the butler: "The lady hesitated, but apparently Lockwood convinced him; for when he flung open the door to admit the Lockwoods the butler announced, "No Forty three, Portman Square, and Lady Lockwood."—London Tit Bits.

**Languages in Switzerland.**  
There is no Swiss language as such. By the federal constitution of 1848 and 1874 French, German and Italian are formally recognized as national languages. Debates in the federal parliament may be carried on in any of these languages. All laws and federal acts appear in three versions. There is a historical dialect called the Romansch or Latin, which is still used by some of the people, but this dialect is not recognized politically.

**A Matter of Weight.**  
Mrs. Jousling: "Dis brash new minister am a fine pres-shah, but he am de leanest an' skinniest young man I ebbah see. Mrs. Black: "Yes, an' he done tole mah husband, what weighs two hundred and fo'ty, to bewar 'les' he should be weighed in de balance an' foun' wantin'."—Puck.

**Tough Lodgings.**  
Some of the cheap lodging houses in London are called "penny sit-ups." They provide mere benches with wooden backs. Each lodger places his arms on the back of the bench before him and then, resting his head on his arms, tries to sleep.

**Trick of the Trade.**  
"Strong men" who break steel chains by the expansion of theiceps usually see that the chain contains two links made of a peculiar kind of glass which breaks upon very slight pressure.

**The Installments.**  
Patience: "They say a' gof all her furniture on the installment plan. Patrice: "She did. She had four husbands, and she got a little furniture with each one."

The man who cannot blush and who has no feeling of fear has reached the same of impudence.—Menager.

## HORSE IS COMING BACK TO HIS OWN

#### WHAT ROCHESTER EXPOSITION HAS DONE TO ENCOURAGE BREEDING—BIG WAR DEMAND ENHANCES ALL VALUES

#### Annual Horse Show Brings Together Best Horses in the Country—Embargo on Export Mares Proposed

Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, is seriously alarmed because of the large shipments of high-bred American mares to the Continent for war purposes. He has sent a recommendation to the Secretary of War urging that Congress place an embargo on the

shipment of mares of the type required for cavalry purposes in this country. This timely warning presents in a forceful way the importance of the pure bred horse at this juncture. Despite the encroachments of the automobile, there was never a time in the history of this country when blooded stock was more valuable, when the prospective demand was greater and

when the prospective supply was more threatened. Nor is general interest in the horse diminishing on the part of farmers, urbanites or breeders. A most notable illustration of the continued supremacy of the horse in the possible mind is the remarkable success that has been achieved by the open air horse show that was started three years ago at

the Rochester Exposition. The Rochester Horse Show leaped into such popularity from the start that it has become the biggest exhibit in the United States. The fourth annual show will be the important feature of the first week of the Exposition, which opens August 30. Last year there were 700 entries from a dozen states and prizes aggregating \$12,000 were offered. There will meet again this year, in competition, the most famous and best bred horses from the big stables of the West and South, as well as from the East. Blue ribbon winners from the Madison Square Garden show, will be entered against the best blooded horses from the West and from Canada. In the hunt events the bright costumes of



A SMART FOUR-IN-HAND



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OVER THE TALL TIMBER

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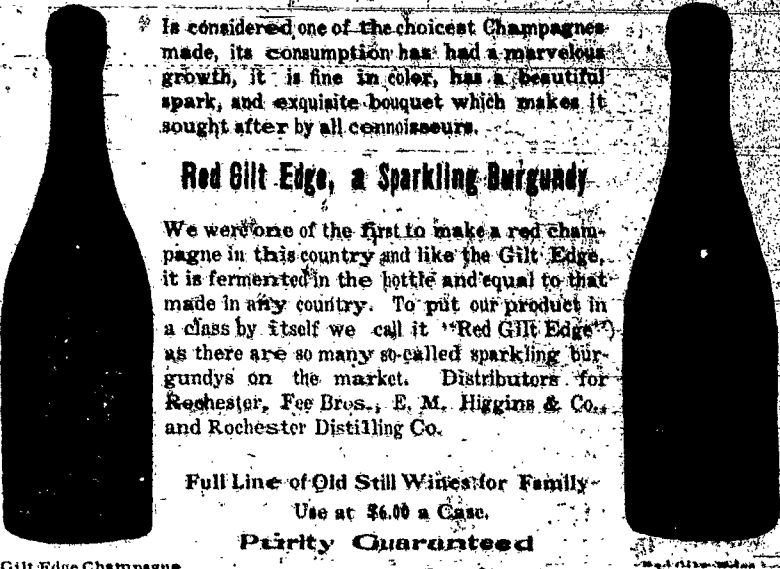
## FLEETFOOTED INDIAN TO RACE WITH HORSE

Which can run faster—a man, a horse without a rider, or a horse guided by a jockey? The managers of the Rochester Exposition will under-

take to decide this question. They are planning a race to be staged daily during the entire two weeks' period of the exposition, opening August 30, that will in point of novelty attract widespread interest throughout the country. The details have been carefully arranged and there is promise of the most unique racing event on record. Tom Longboat, the famous Indian runner, who is the long distance cham-

plion of the world, will be the human contestant. "Queen," the horse known as the "Guidless Wonder," who appeared at the Exposition last year and ran alone at remarkable speed over the course, without human guidance, will be the second entrant in this unique contest. The third entry will be one of the fastest running horses in the country, who will be ridden by a competent jockey. So far as known, no similar contest has ever been held in the world.

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