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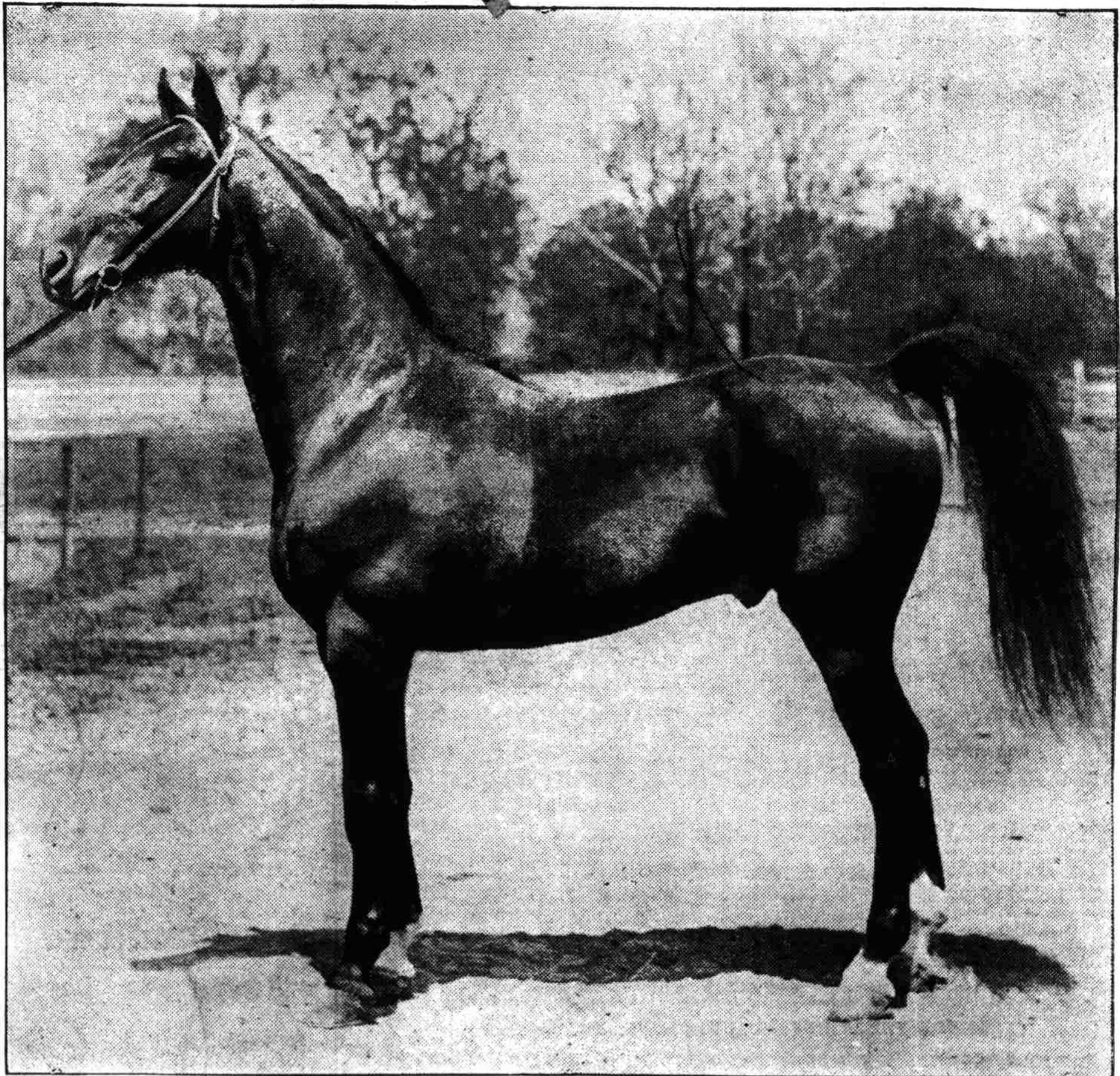
### Why We Must Have More and Better Livestock.

THE South has fewer farm animals and farm animals of poorer quality than any other farming section, not because the South is not adapted to stock husbandry, but because Southern farmers, as a class, have not known how to breed, feed and care for good stock. The fact that the South has been poor also accounts for much of our backwardness in this branch of farming, for, having little capital and an abundance of cheap labor, we have tried to get along with just as few and as poor work animals as possible and have given most thought to such crops as would give quick cash returns, rather than to the crops suitable for the economical feeding of livestock.

The converse of the proposition is also true: If we have neglected livestock husbandry since the Civil War because we have been poor, we have also remained poor so long largely because we have neglected stock-raising.

We have reached the point where all this must be changed. Livestock husbandry is the most advanced, the most difficult branch of agriculture, requiring the most knowledge, the most skill and the most devotion to his work on the part of the farmer. It is also the most profitable branch of agriculture, resulting more than any other line of farm work in real farmers who love their work and their lands and who are able to live well, to increase the fertility of their soils and to rank in ability and progressiveness with men of any other class.

In short, we must have more and better livestock because the time has come to change from the old "money-crop," land-robbing, poverty-breeding system of farming to a rational system which will enable us to get the full value from our great advantages of favorable climate and handy markets. And this we cannot do without good livestock.



"SO DID THIS HORSE A COMMON ONE EXCEL IN SHAPE, IN COURAGE, COLOUR, PACE AND BONE."

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