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A Percheron Stallion—The Foremost Draft Breed.

Said our Dr. Tait Butler, in our "Horse Special," January 3d: "For the breeding of farm work stock, my first choice for sire would be a properly selected, medium-sized Percheron." The cut herewith shows a fine type of Percheron—Etradegant—imported from France by McLaughlin Bros., in 1905, and winner of the first prize at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago.

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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENTS.

Your young corn, and how to treat it—that is a subject right in the mind of thousands of our readers as they now rush their plows through this

crop, and every one of them will be interested in the article on page 11 by that splendid corn enthusiast, Mr. A. L. French.

In this connection also comes up the matter of a good stand, and an important one it is, too, for the land cannot produce cotton and corn on stalks that are not there. Dr. R. J. Redding's fine article on the importance of preserving your stand of cotton carries an equally weighty moral in respect to other crops.

The subject of vitality in cottonseed is forced upon the attention of the farmer as he finds these days how much of his cotton failed to "come up." A mixture of good, bad, and indifferent, light, heavy, and all sorts of seed, cannot be expected to have the germinating power of the heavy seed alone. Right here the process of separating the strong seed from the weak and worthless steps in to help. An article on the subject in this issue follows up the demonstrated advantages set forth last week, and comes at a good time to impress a point that should bring its profit to next year's farming.

There are two other articles touching the business side of farming which our readers cannot afford to skip. One is that by Capt. Charles Petty on Estimating the Cost of a Crop. Unless the profit and loss are counted up, there is no telling what your farming as a business operation is amounting to. The other article is that by Mr. J.

F. Webb on the advantages of "Partnership in Farming." The trend toward a diversity of crops is accompanied by that toward intensive farming or specialization, and this calls for the very best attention to each department of the farm's business. Where and how a partnership helps in farming is suggestively outlined in Mr. Webb's article.

The outlook for North Carolina farming in 1907 is on pages 2 and 3, and it is our guess that these postal card reports from one end of the State to the other will for thousands of our readers rival in interest any other feature of this week's Progressive Farmer. These, remember, are to be followed by similar reports from Tennessee, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Oh, the horses! You will not overlook the Percheron picture on the first page, and this will lead you to turn to the article on page 9 in which Dr. Tait Butler tells of the special distinguishing qualities of the French Coach and the Percheron breeds.

There is no space left to call attention to other worth-while articles—but there is the Health Talk—How to Combat Tuberculosis—that must not escape your reading. The prudent housewife will be sure to find Mrs. Grimes's article on "Portieres and Smaller Hangings," and the poultry fanciers will know in advance that Uncle Jo has something of practical interest to them.