

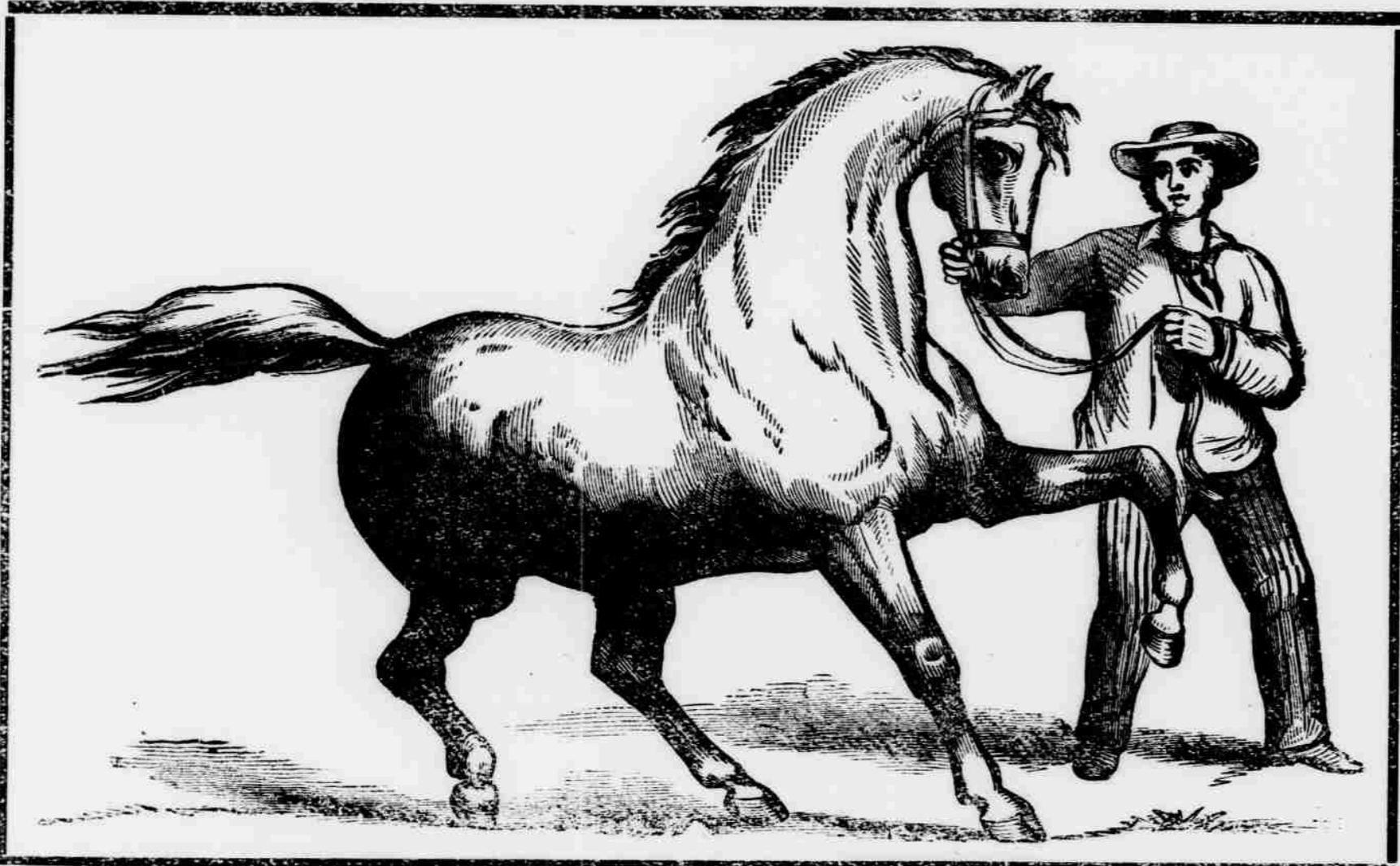
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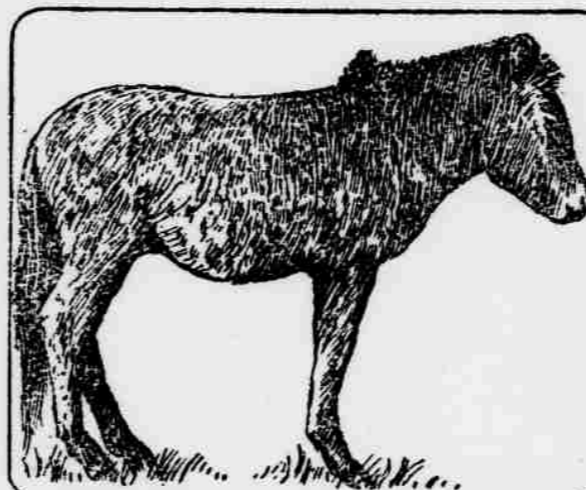


**DIFFERENT TYPES OF HORSE**

Men of Science Have Recently Taken Up Study of Origin and to Differentiate Characteristics.

Horse breeding has been followed as a trade ever since animals were first domesticated, but the study of types has only quite recently been taken up by men of science with a view of ascertaining the origin of the species and to differentiate their characteristics. As a result of this study, based upon these anatomical differences and variations which have resulted from wide geographical distribution, and which probably originated in early geographical times, it may be accepted that there are four families or species of horses.

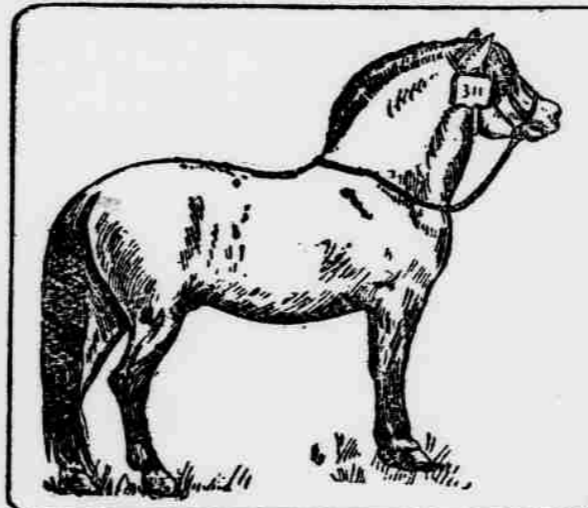
The first type in this classification is the Celtic horse, found on the west coast of Norway, known as the Fjord



The Prejevalsky Horse, Specimens of Which Are Now Being Bred in the New York Zoological Gardens.

horse in Iceland, Faeroe, Barra, and other small islands of the outer Hebrides in northern Scotland, on the Shetland Isles, and in Connemara or northern Ireland. There has also been found a close kinship between the Celtic horse and the true Tarpan horse of Russia.

The second type of horses is the Prejevalsky, found in a wild state on the steppes of central Asia. There are a few of these in England on the estate of the duke of Bedford, and several specimens are being bred in the New York zoological gardens. The Prejevalsky horse is of a red brown color with a light "mealy" nose, has a large head in proportion to his body, and is "cat hamed," and less powerful than the Celtic horse. Some writers have assumed that the Tarpan and the Prejevalsky horses belong to the same family, but this is not now accepted, on account of their marked differences, the most conspicuous of which is that the Prejevalsky has the callosities on his hind legs. In this family it usually takes the form of a narrow strip and not drop-shaped as is common with other horses. There has been a suggestion that this little horse only 12 hands high, is the living example of the original ancestor of the draft horses of Europe, but it seems highly improbable, inasmuch as fossils of the draft type have been found showing its great antiquity, and I am



Celtic Pony Developed in Norway for Show Purposes. He Shows the Characteristic Black Mark Down His Mane.

more inclined to believe that these big types are a species by themselves and shall call this family the third type. This horse is known to science as the Forest horse, because he originally obtained his food by browsing on shrubs and low trees.

The Arab or African horse forms the fourth type in our classification. His food is the grasses that grow on the ground, and his home has always been the open plains and hillsides remote from forests. Therefore his head is articulated on his cervical vertebra at an obtuse angle, thus forming "Hogarth's line of beauty." This set of the head has long been recognized by breeders as a constituent element of beauty.—H. K. Bush-Brown, in American Breeder Magazine.

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