

# Trading Days Have Forever, But They Had Much Excitement

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got your tradin' day?" We knew right horse-traders met that banter, we a trade.

the horses in this compared with the old this fact is due the disappearance of apt speech, sly ways to wit, the old-time coming of auto- and tractors along ways, has put these of business, because enough horses left a business.

Was The Sign a well-broomed, was the thing, the man was a-gittin' sree! Especially as a good glossy saddle, that had a peak-squeak." Then with an ornamented ox-tail and all, and marks of a young bound to "go places", enhanced him way." To own a good car as it was 60 years good horse and sad-

Art—Hoss-Tradin' old-time horse trader down trade of busi- himself. He had his hat little it took; he ers, and so confided ept perhaps "the ol' wife).

the road pretty con- "craps" might have ds if, perchance, he "git out and make money".

lar hoss-traders of- an extra nag when on their rounds, mean a distance of ten miles up to forty being several days for was a kind of sub- the best traders all knew not to go along their way. trader "eased up on" of his prospective man with whom he a trade. Of course, match" there would be unawares. But if with an inexperienced one who was prob- why somebody was "skint alive", yes

DO that!



RAWL ... One of reasons of charm is to sit gracefully, imitates a posture apart.

## PARENT PROBLEMS

### Young Teacher Won't Solve Child's Problem

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child complains about the teacher's ways at parents are in a trying is also true when remarks indicate cer- methods of which disapprove.

case, the parents rpled right then and che the teacher and e reaction may make suppose that the been very wrong and his lively imagina- nt be encouraged to o make similar re- subsequent times. He ppose he is very much school and come to his teacher and the

ment could have grown very small matter. It were resulted from an ere the child was at as properly rebuked d. What is more, your en exposed to your ed judgment, made idence. th times, when your ns about the teacher mark about her you to suspect her good. Listen patient- d talk as long as he

How'll You Trade?" "How'll you trade — an' not back down?" was a sort of feeling-out approach or banter, which also carried with it a challenge. Then it was the experienced trader could soon tell if there was any use to carry the trade talk any further.

For one to claim misrepresentation and want to "rue back" in a trade was considered "baby-trading" and not sportsmanlike. And when a person, who had considered himself defrauded in a hoss-trade, went into court to get redress, it was said that he was a bad loser.

Studied Their Business That these old traders studied their business was well known. They would not only doctor, curry and roach up their nags as to make the best impression possible, but the trader would also "map out" the best itinerary and try to meet up with the prospects he had in mind, all the time trying to make it appear that he "just happened to be over this way." To be wanting to make a trade and at the same time make it appear to your prospect that you were somewhat reluctant, was an art within itself. We once knew a slick trader who often brought in the "ol' woman," and maybe the "children," as he "dickered" for a trade. He would say that "they think so much of this hoss, him bein' so gentle an' all, that — well they'd prob'ly run me off if I went back without him." But, of course, he could probably make peace with them.

Everybody Traded Uncle Cubby Justice of Fines Creek and some of the Nolands, S. T. Bryson, Seborn Morrow, Pierce Kinsland, Tood Noland, Pierce Swanger, and John Queen, are just a few of the many old hoss-traders of this county. Nearly every horse-owner made at least one or two trades in his time. Trading was carried on everywhere — at the fairs, blacksmith shops, courts, rallies, on the roadsides, and sometimes, exchanges were even made at the plow.

Tradin'-Talk "No better ever wore the harness," was a trite saying when recommending a horse. "He'll go up against the coldest collar," and he's got the first time to fail to pull," were others. "He" (or she) "will work anywhers, I'll guarantee that," was usually included. Then there was: "Best saddler I ever rode"; "easy as a rockin'-cheer"; "pull till he drapts dead"; "easiest hoss kept I ever owned" — and much other trade-talk and expressions peculiar to the day and business of horse-trading.

Yes, those were the days here when there were many horses and mules in the county, thousands of them. And, as might be expected, a horse-doctor was to be found in every community. Livery stables did the business then that taxi-stands do now.

It is said that there has been considerable come-back or increase in horses here in the last three or four years; but this is probably among the ponies and show-horses.

Columbus did not run into a full-scale hurricane until his second voyage to the West Indies, says the National Geographic Society.

is not abusive. Pass no judgment then. Wait and pray silently for poise and self-control. Talk It Over If you believe it is a matter you should discuss with the teacher, go and talk things over, without suggesting blame. You may then learn information about your child which will be useful in helping him.

Sometimes a child, in the upper grades or high school, will complain that his teacher picks on him. He may be right in his belief. But if you encourage him in self-pity, his problem may grow worse. It is usually best to help this child see that he needs to be practical. For the rest of his life, he may have to be managed or work with persons who don't always treat him as he would like to be treated. He may not be able to change this person, but can change himself to get on more happily with him or her. Advise him to try to find out what his teacher expects of him and then to do his best to measure up to this expectation.

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