

# Ancient Type For To-day

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### Ancient Word and Image

#### "Concerning The Early Morgans"

The Morgan Horse Club

President H. S. Wardner and Secretary C.O. Stillman of The Morgan Horse Club entertained the board of governors of the Morgan Horse Club at Delmonico's, New York city, on Wednesday evening April 27, 1910. There were present Messers Joseph C. Brunk of Rochester, IL, A.R. Van Tassel of DuBois, PA., C.V. Paddock, Jr., of West Claremont, NH, E.A. Darling of East Burke, VT, E.H. Hoffman of Lyndonville, VT, H.R.C. Watson of Brandon, VT, A.M. Fletcher of Cavendish, VT, F.G. Chandler of Peacham, VT, Maxwell Evarts of Windsor, VT, C.V. Kent of Montpelier, VT, and J. Rich Steers of New York. Following the dinner was a meeting of the Board. The president announced that through the generosity of Mr. Stillman, the club would be enabled to offer annually a prize of \$100 to the breeder of the greatest number of first prize winners in the regular Morgan classes at the Vermont State Fair. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm on top of which Mr. Steers offered to contribute a like amount for three years to be expended at the discretion of the executive committee for prizes for Morgans, and Mr. Watson offered the same amount for prizes for Morgan saddle classes. Mr. Evarts then offered to subscribe \$100 towards the construction of suitable seats around the Morgan show ring at the Vermont State Fair. Mr. Darling immediately duplicated Mr. Evarts' offer and Mr. Fletcher closed the transaction by agreeing to assume the entire balance of the cost of such construction. The president announced that the club had offered at the Addison County Fair at Middlebury, VT, prizes for stallions and mares "conforming to the ancient Morgan type," and would possibly offer at the Vermont State Fair one or more special prizes in addition to those offered in previous years by himself, Mr. Stillman, Mr. Fletcher, and others.

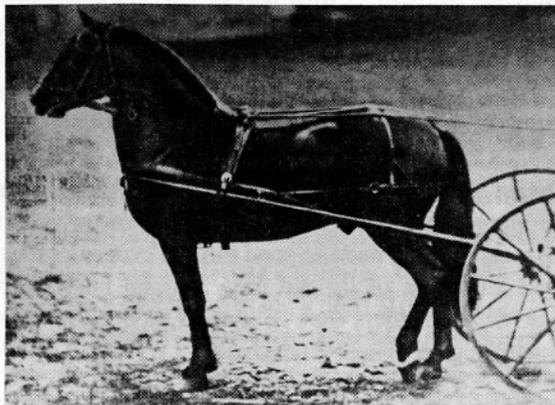
Mr. Wardner is now in correspondence with the Secretary of the Vermont State Fair in an effort to make suitable arrangements for an exhibition of historical collections of daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, photographs and prints to show the ancient type of the Morgan horse. The value of such an exhibition was well illustrated by a **beautiful photograph from a daguerreotype life showing a Morgan stallion which was said to have belonged to the Mackenzie family of Windsor County, VT, some sixty years ago.** Copies of this photograph were given to the guests as souvenirs of the dinner.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee to assume charge of securing a proper exhibition of Morgans at the National Horse Show at New York in November.

The club has no debts, a comfortable balance in the

bank and a rapidly increasing list of members. A copy of the club catalogue and form of application for membership may be obtained from Mr. C.C. Stillman, Secretary, 120 Broadway, New York.

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July 16, 1910

The picture which adorns our first page this week is from a cut kindly loaned us by The American Horse Breeder. The cut was made from a photograph loaned The Breeder by Mr. H.S. Wardner, President of the Morgan Horse Club. We quote the following from the editorial page of the above mentioned journal published June 22, in connection with the picture:

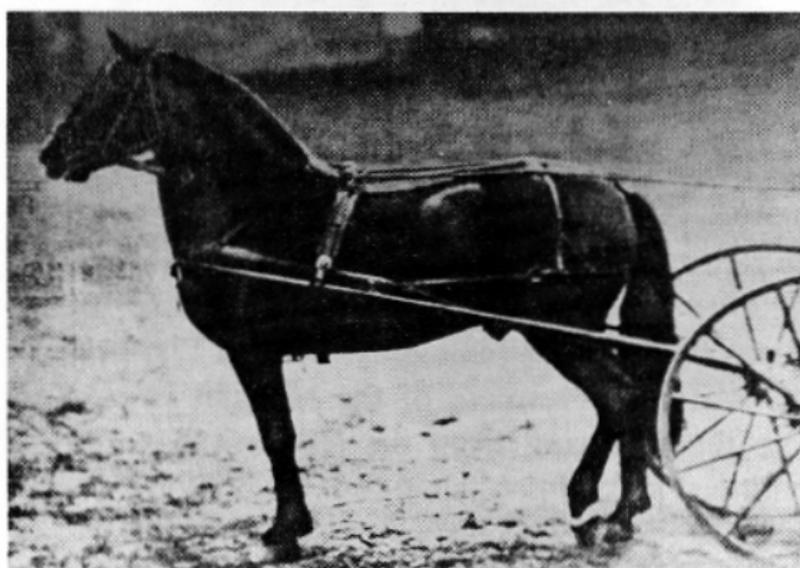
"The photograph was made from a daguerreotype from life which is now in the possession of Mr. Wardner, and which belongs to Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of Windsor, VT. Mr. Wardner writes us as follows:

"The father of Mr. Geo. McKenzie was the late James M. McKenzie, of Hartland, VT., a considerable breeder of Morgans. Mr. McKenzie's horses were chiefly of the Woodbury blood and among his collection of pictures of horses were those of Hale's Green Mountain, Peter's Vermont,, Green Mountain Boy, and this daguerreotype of an unidentified horse. George McKenzie says that the vehicle, which is partly shown in the picture, is of the same pattern as an old wagon owned by his father. The peculiarities of this wagon in shafts and breeching hook are apparent. Mr. J.H. Farnsworth of Windsor, VT., at one time pronounced the

picture to be that of the Ebenezer Bridge horse, foaled in 1851 and called Morgan Recruit, but on investigation it seems questionable whether they are correct. Mr. Allen W. Thompson of South Pomfret, who was as familiar with the looks of the Bridge horse as Mr. Farnsworth or Mr. Vail, asserts that the Bridge horse had two white feet and hence could not have been the horse in the daguerreotype. Mr. Bridge's advertisement of Morgan Recruit in the Vermont Stock Journal for 1857 would seem to confirm this."

"Morgan breeders have pronounced this to be one of the best and most accurate illustrations of the old-fashioned Morgan. I trust that through its publication the picture may come to the notice of someone who can identify the horse. If there is in existence another daguerreotype of a Morgan horse, taken from life, I would be glad to hear of it."

"We are sure that this picture will prove of interest to our readers, whether or not they are fanciers of the Morgan breed of horses. It is a rare picture and we do not recall having had the good fortune ever to have seen as good a likeness of the old time Morgan horse. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to identify it. If so, we should be glad to hear from them."



**"An Old-Time Morgan"**

August 6, 1910

Editor, New England Farmer:

"The portrait of an old-time Morgan" which you published in your issue of July 16, is I think, a likeness of the stallion owned by James McKinzie, 50 years ago, in Hartland, VT. This stallion was **sired by Hale's Green Mountain Morgan**, and was a very fine looking horse, as well as a good roadster. Color was very dark chestnut, 14 1/2 hands, weight about 1,000 pounds. He was named **Green Mountain Morgan Superior**, and was called an inbred Morgan by those who knew him. E.L. Woodward and Henry W. Walker of Woodstock, VT, lived near where he was owned and perhaps recollect him.