

Wauwatosa Farm.—The **Wauwatosa** stud, established by Fred **Pabst** in 1885, was started with the stallion Burg 4444 (2241) and 29 mares imported direct from France. In 1886 Mr. **Pabst** imported 26 more mares. Other stallions were imported each year, but Burg remained at the head of the stud and his leadership was never threatened.

Mr. **Pabst** in his first catalog, issued in 1890, gives his reasons for establishing a **Percheron** stud as follows:

“It is a well-known fact that I did not go into the business of raising horses as a mere money speculation. I did it because I thought I could advance a great interest in our state. It is universally admitted that the majority of the best Clydesdales imported to this country have for years been brought direct to the state of Wisconsin, but many of our people preferred the Percherons, and were going into neighboring states to procure them, because they there found better ones than could be found at home.

“I take a pride in the state in which I live and in which all my interests lie, and I determined that I would breed right here in our own state as good, or better, Percherons than could be found elsewhere, and to this purpose, I, in 1885, sent a man of experience to France with instructions to buy a herd of mares, the best to be found in that country, irrespective of prices. These mares were bought at prices that ordinary importers, who buy to sell again, could not afford to pay. They were brood mares,

whose owners were not looking for buyers and who could only be persuaded to part with them for long prices.”

These importations gave Mr. Pabst more than 50 mares of producing age from 1886 on. He raised 17 colts in 1887, 20 in 1888, 13 in 1889, and 10 in 1890—a total of 27 stallions and 23 mares. Some trouble must have been encountered, as a review of Mr. Pabst's records shows that he had 51 mares of producing age in 1890 and yet raised only 10 colts. In the absence of specific data it must be concluded that abortion entered the stud; a large number of his most reliable brood mares missed foaling in 1889 and 1890, as is definitely shown by the records.

Burg, Vigoreux 9218 (5615), Voltaire 5316 (2221), and Prince Jerome 4445 (480) were the chief sires in service, although some 16 or 18 other horses were used to a slight extent at various times. Burg was the leading sire and remained at the head of the stud from 1885, when it was founded, until 1890. In that year he was sold to J. B. Johnson of Montford, Wis.

As an individual Burg was of showyard caliber. He was a rather blocky, massive type, with exceptionally heavy bone and a good deal of quality. He was quite well proportioned, stylish, of all-around draft qualities, and weighed over a ton. He won first as a two-year-old at the annual show held by the Société Hippique de Percheronne in France in 1884. He was not shown to any great extent in America, but was first in the class for stallion and five of his

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get at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1888, and won in the same class at the International Exposition at Buffalo in 1889. In many respects he was much on the type of Brilliant 1271. He was sired by Rochambeau (1382), a half-brother to Brilliant 1271, by Brilliant 1899. The colts sired by Burg were uniform in type, chiefly blacks and grays, and were of the massive draft pattern, although a bit more blocky and low-set than some breeders liked.

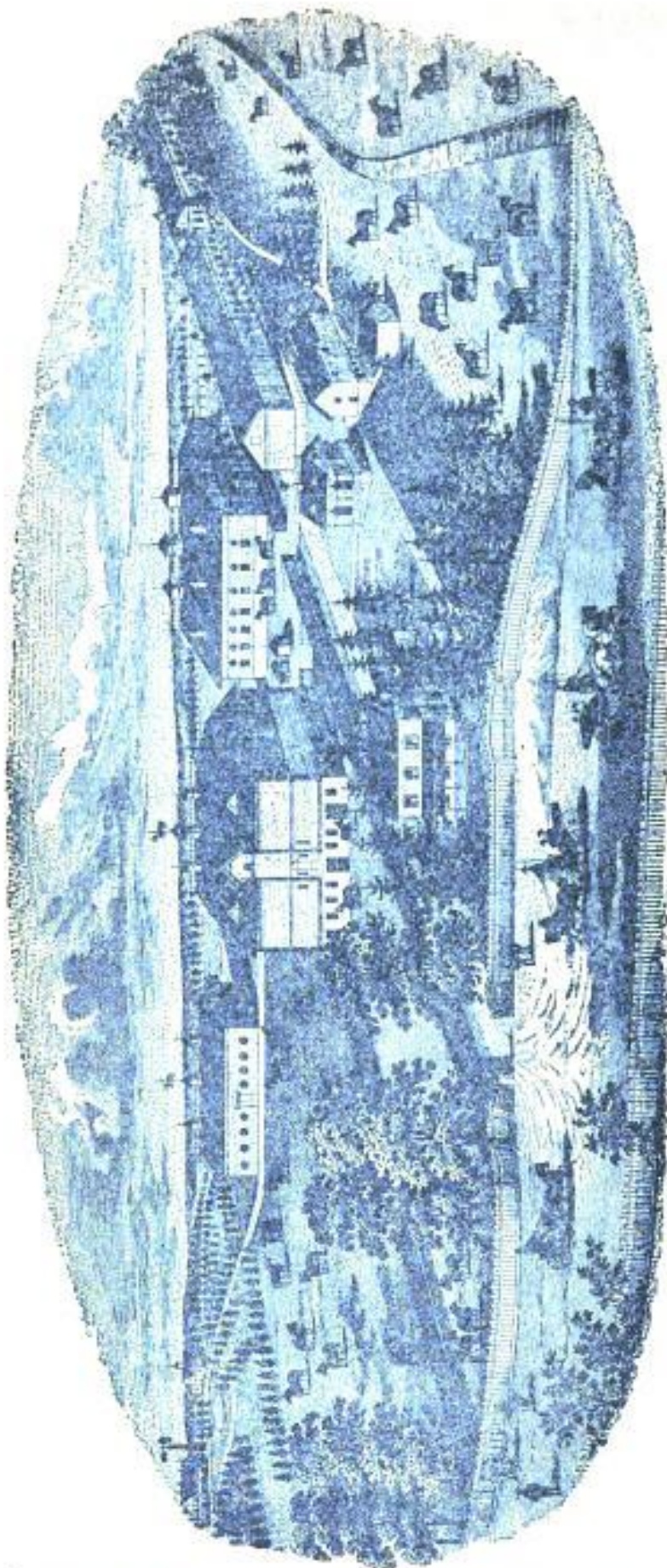
Wagoner, a massive black sired by Bredon 93

Vigoureux, a massive black sired by Picador 2d, by Picador 1st, was the next sire in rank. Imported by Mr. Dunham, from whom Capt. Pabst obtained him, he was a very good sort, of the rugged, massive pattern. Voltaire, a good gray of the Favorite stock, and Prince Jerome, tracing to the same horse through his sire, and out of a daughter of Coco 2d, were also good stock-getters and left some good colts at Wauwatosa Stock Farm.

Couronne 4440 (1908) was sufficiently good as a brood mare to cause Mr. Pabst to use 3 of her sons to some degree in the stud. They were by Burg. She produced 4 colts in 5 years, every one a stallion of merit. Favorite 4436 (4296), Coquette 4433 (4295) and Julie 4423 (4257) were other good brood mares, producers of colts that were winners at the Wisconsin State Fair and that sold at excellent prices. None of them was noted for the number of colts produced, however, the mares being mostly shy breeders. Rustique 5403 (2217) was the only really prolific mare in the lot. Relatively few mares were sold from this farm in the period under discussion.

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