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### HORSE AND TRACTOR CONTEST

The horse comes into his own again if only for a few moments, for the famous ploughing contest at Napton, Northumberland, and he carries on the grand old tradition in spite of the ease of caterpillars in place of heaves and petrol in place of stamina. The steady pull of the teams and the skilful handling of the plough, these are still sights for keen eyes in the North. Say what you will but a hand turned furrow is still a joy to behold. The fine work of man and horse is still an achievement that a countryman can be proud of. Now and again a wheel needs adjusting and when that's done and the ploughing resumed you might think the ploughman has put in a ruler as well. Yes, it's a pretty picture isn't it? Now it's the turn of the tractors but even with a machine the human element is the deciding factor. The ploughman may look round but he is only concerned for keeping things straight. The contest reveals the pace and efficiency of modern implements. There are 15 horse and 25 tractor entries and no type of plough is barred. Special prizes are given to the best opening, the neatest headland, the best finish, the most valuable pair of horses, the best groomed pair and the best kept harness. First prize in the horse classes goes to Mr. S. Hartness of Stockfield and they are certainly a team to be proud of.