

88 farm. And we had, "Prince" Geordie, Bonny, Duchess, Robin, Charlie & others, but none of them as good as the two original ones, as far as staunchness was concerned. But a failing was that the work they had to do was not always continuous, & they got a bit collar proud at times (a failing not always confined to horses). I particularly remember "Geordie". When in the team, was always first ready to tighten the chains, but if the others were not equally ready, he gave in & then the fun began until he was warmed up. & then was a splendid worker. Poor fellow. His latter end was tragic, when carryin' on with these pranks, he quietly fell back across the harrows, & gave up for good).

*I believe that my brother
was not a cobra in his last*

The saddle back, was one called "Duke" (I think originally "Cantab") He was really a colt, sturdily built, but low set. He was a fine animal & once like the Brook "could about go on for ever". He had one very bad fault and that was he was a "terror to catch" & generally it was an hours work & more for

89 to get hold of him, & this with all available hands possible.

At the commencement of these matters recorded I mentioned that of dividing the farm into paddocks, by means of digging ditches & making a bank whereon we planted gorse for a hedge. In addition to the boundary fences there was also the cross ones, as the ground was cleared & prepared for cropping, whatever was sown first in any particular piece, was called by that name. There was one exception and that was the one nearest the house, which was called the "croft". I presume this was an English custom. A small enclosure near the house went by the name of the garth.

But the other paddocks went by the name of the wheat paddock, or oat, or barley as the case may be. There was one by the name of the Old Hay paddock & another as "seeds" I presume because it was the one in which potatoes or other root crops were grown.

There were no double furrow ploughs