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This reporter has been traveling here and there quite often these past months, the most recent trip being to Topeka, Kansas for Stuart Hazard's Morgan Production Sale, October 3rd. Also attending the sale were some of the VIPs from the Morgan Horse Club, among whom were J. Cecil Ferguson, Walter Kane, Dr. Frances Schaeffer, Dr. George Budd, J. Roy Brunk and many other notable Morganites, who returned home with some of the sale offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capelle of Highland, Ill., came away with one of the top fillies of the sale. Named Funquest Knoxeta, she is a fancy chestnut yearling sired by Pukwana and out of Stellaeta. Pendleton Farms of Belle Rive, Ill., also acquired a few of the Pukwana fillies.

I was especially glad to have the chance to see Mr. Hazard's well known stallion, The Brown Falcon. Shades of Justin Morgan that's just what he is. There could be no doubt, even in the most critical eye, as to what this stately little brown horse is. Just a Morgan, that's all!! And he stamps his foals with his mark too. Also standing at Funquest Farms is "Brownie's" number one son Funquest Falcon, an outstanding young dark chestnut stallion who has made such a good impression on all who have seen him, he also is leaving his mark on his first foals this year. Another son of Flyhawk, is an attractive bay, Chief Red Hawk, who really puts a trot on his foals. Then there is Pukwana, a flashy big chestnut son of Senator Graham, who is siring some very promising foals, and also the young Funquest Benmore, a son of Upwey King Benn, who looks as though he'll make quite a harness horse.

The day following the sale, we had a chance to get out to the farm and see the rest of the Funquest Morgans. If you want to see Morgans galore, this is the place. No matter where you turn, your eyes will focus on Morgans of all ages and sizes. Out in the pasture we were met by one of the most personable young foals to be seen anywhere. A statuesque little bay fellow, he followed us all about the pasture, while we had a look at the rest of this year's foals. This particular little fellow turned out to be a son of Pukwana and out of Stellaeta, one of the most beautiful mares in the field. Next we were encountered by Liza Lee's exquisite chestnut filly by the Brown Falcon and another 'Brownie' filly, a chunky little black attractively marked with white and out of Dot S. Fanny. As we left the pasture my little bay friend followed us to the gate, and I must admit it wouldn't have been at all hard to take him home.

In an adjoining meadow was the grand old matron, Linbar (Barberry x Elberty Linsley) and her bewitching chestnut filly sired by The Brown Falcon, who has one of the sweetest heads to be seen anywhere.

Of course we had to see Modelette, a lovely bay mare, who did quite well in the show ring a few years back. Now she is retired to the broodmare rank and is producing some good quality foals for Mr. Hazard.

After our tour of the farm was ended we said adieu to all the Morgan love lies and we departed for St. Louis. The visit to Funquest Farms will be one we will long remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Werts attended the Ric-Lan Meadows dispersal sale in Bolivar, Mo., on October 4th, and came back with a colt. A dark bay, Kedron Black Socks, he is sired by Sunsico (Congo x Nellanne) and out of Gamie's

Swan Song (St. Gamie x Golden Dawn). He's a high headed little individual, with a good trot and has that Morgan aire about him. It looks as though Pat and Neal are running a stallion farm as they now have five stallions and two mares. Hope they get a filly for a change this spring.

Eight Morgans were seen competing at the Diabetic Horse Show at Missouri Stables, in St. Louis. It was good to see Jeanne White's little stallion come down this way from Springfield, Ill.; hope she sees fit to send him back next year. First place went to Copper Cloud, owned by Jeanne White, over Congo's Pride owned by the Paul Capelles. Third went to De Jarnette's King and Nancy Davis, with fourth to Fancy Dan ridden by Barbara Monfort, and fifth went to June Flight and Renee M. Page.