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A Tribute to the Stockman

Behold the Stockman! 
Artist and Artisan, he may be polished, 
or a diamond in the rough . . . 
but always a Gem.

Whose devotion to his animals is 
second only to his love of God and family, 
whose gripping affection is 
tempered only by his inborn sense of 
the true proportion of things, 
who cheerfully braves 
personal discomfort to make sure 
his live stock suffer not!

To him, 
there is rhythm in the clatter of the horse's hoof, 
music in the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the herd.

His approaching footsteps call forth the whinny of recognition. 
His calm, well-modulated voice 
inspires confidence and wins affection. 
His coming is greeted with demonstrations of pleasure, 
and his going with evident disappointment.

Who sees something more in cows than the drudgery of milking, 
more in swine than the grunt and squeal, 
more in the horse than the patient servant, 
and more in sheep than the golden hoof.

Herdsman, shepherd, groom . . . yes, and more! 
Broad-minded, big-hearted, whole-souled; 
whose life and character linger long after the cordial greeting 
is stilled and the hearty handshake is but a memory; 
whose silent influence forever lives.

May his kind multiply and replenish the earth!

(Herbert W. Sanford & Unknown Cartoonist)