

Henry Asmus

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With the sudden death of Henry Asmus on March 1, 1939, the University lost an outstanding authority in a unique field, for Professor Asmus was the last professor of Farriery in the veterinary colleges of America. Born in Germany's province of Hanover in 1875, Professor Asmus studied horseshoeing under Professor M. Lungwitz at the Imperial Veterinary Hochschule. In 1907 he came to America and set up a shoeing establishment in Lowville, New York. This he relinquished in 1913 when he joined the staff of the New York State Veterinary College, serving as instructor in Farriery until 1914, when he was appointed to an assistant professorship. Owing to his early German training Professor Asmus had ingrained a marked intolerance for lack of initiative and for careless work. In consequence he held the respect of students and alumni.

Aside from his college duties, Professor Asmus contributed to farriery magazines, addressed horseshoers' meetings, consulted with owners of valuable horses, and was an adviser of the United States Army. He was past president of the American Horseshoers' Association and an official judge of the American Horse Show Association. In hours of leisure Professor Asmus wrought in iron beautiful objects of master craftsmanship which it delighted him to give to his college and his friends.

The contagion of Henry Asmus's cheerful disposition, the generosity of his nature, and his warm friendliness will long be remembered by his many friends and associates.