

Farmers' Column.

CURING BAD HABITS IN HORSES.

I have heard that there is no remedy for a runaway horse so effectively as a flogging. He must needs gallop; well, my friend, then gallop, I have a good pair of spurs on—in they go. I have a whip, hard, plant, heavy—lay on thick. Here is a nice steep hill—up we go. Here is a deep ploughed field—oh, yes, keep up your pace, and how do you like it? I remember a horse-dealer who always cured a fault by indulging it. He had once a brute sent him which occasionally stood still. Farmer Waincoat had flogged him, and he would not move for an hour. Well, this man took the beast, put him in his break, and drove off. In ten minutes, he came to a dead stand. Breaker said nothing, did nothing. Horse didn't quite know what to reply, tried to look back with his ears, waited half an hour, and then began to move on. "No, my friend," said the breaker, "you stay here all day." The farmers passed him going to market with uncomplimentary greetings. What; can't you make him move? Breaker doesn't look put out, though. Tek! Farmers drive on, show their samples, dine at the ordinary, and jog home a trifle merrier, late in the afternoon. Breaker still there, master of the position. The horse never stopped again.

SALT FOR THE THROAT.

In these days when diseases of the throat are so universally prevalent, and so many cases fatal, we feel it our duty to say a word on behalf of a simple, and what has been with us a most effective preventive, if not a positive cure of sore throat. For many years past, indeed we may say during the whole of a life of over forty years, we have been subject to sore throat, and more particularly a dry, hacking cough, which was not only distressing to ourselves, but to our friends and those with whom we were brought into business contact. Last fall we were induced to try what virtue was in common salt. We commenced by using it three times a day—morning, noon and night. We dissolved a large table-spoonful of pure salt in water. With this we gargle the throat most thoroughly just before meal-time. The result has been that during the entire winter we were not only free from the usual coughs and colics to which, as far as our memory extends, we have always been subject, but the dry hacking cough has entirely disappeared. We attribute these satisfactory results solely to the use of the salt gargle, and do most cordially recommend a trial of it to those of our readers who are subject to diseases of the throat. Many persons who have never tried the salt gargle, have the impression that it is unpleasant. Such is not the case. On the contrary, it is pleasant, and after few days' use, no person who loves a nice, clean mouth, and a first-rate sharpener of the appetite, will abandon it.—Farmer and Gardener.

GOOD MANNERS.

A correspondent of the Agriculturalist relates the following accidents, which he says occurred some years since in the State of Rhode Island:—Colored persons are allowed to vote there, and to hold office if elected. On one occasion, Mr. R., a very pompous, but not very popular man, desiring to be chosen Inspector of Election, gathered his friends around the polls early on the morning of election day—the custom being to select an inspector by vote of those happening to be present at the opening of the polls. Some mischievous young men, who disliked the pompous candidate, had heard of his plans, and they were also present with a large party, and, to his great disgust, they gave a majority for a huge, burly, but good natured negro, well known to the citizens. When the voters came up to deposit their ballots, as usual, each one took off his hat in presence of his inspector. Soon Mr. R. approached. "It is customary to take off the hat when voting," said he, "but in this case I don't know about it." "Oh!" immediately replied the colored man, "just as you please; it depends on a man's brought up; dere's Mr. S. and Mr. B. (naming two wealthy citizens) dey took off dere hats, but if a man hasn't been brought up to manners, why, we 'scuse him." The roar of laughter which followed, so discomfited Mr. R. that he hastily left.

CAN A CARPET-BAG EAT?

It was but a few days ago, while travelling upon the cars between Cleveland and Columbus, that a train stopped at a small village, the conductor crying out—"Fifteen minutes for dinner." The passengers, of whom there happened to be a large number, rushed into the dining apartment and took seats at the table, one of them depositing his carpet-bag in the chair next him. At the usual time the landlord came round to make his collection, calling upon the aforesaid passenger for his payment for dinner. "How much?" asked the passenger. "Eighty cents," replied the landlord. "Eighty cents for a dinner?—why, that is extortionate." "No, sir, it is not extortionate. Ain't that your carpet-bag?" "Yes, sir, that is my carpet-bag." "Well, that carpet-bag occupies a seat, and, of course, I must charge for it." "Oh! is that the case?—Well here's your eighty cents." Turning to the carpet-bag, the passenger remarked:—"Well, Mr. Carpet-Bag, as you have not had much to eat, suppose we take something," at the same time opening his mouth, and turning in half a bun, a roast chicken, a plate of crackers, and sundry other articles, amid the roars of laughter of the other passengers. The prevailing opinion among the passengers was, that the carpet-bag won.

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