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SORE SHOULDERS, YOUNG HORSES

Large Collars are Usually the Cause—
Colts Should be Gradually
Toughened to Work

The care of the shoulders of young horses is one of the most important factors to keep in mind during the first few weeks of the spring work.

A horse can not do satisfactory work with shoulders that pain him every time he takes a step. The horse may be looked upon as a machine that is expected to do so much work, and if some of the mechanism is out of order, the amount of work is lessened. Not only so, but the animal must be looked upon as a creature with feeling and ambition, taking pride in its work, that is a willing, obedient, and, therefore, valuable servant, and should be properly cared for.

The first thing of importance to consider in the draft horse is the collar. Most injured shoulders are the result of poorly-fitting collars, and the fault usually lies in a collar being too large. It is a good idea to have a harness-maker fit the collars to your horses. He may be able to remove padding, and in other ways make the collar over so that it will fit nicely. Heavy collar pads are to be avoided if possible. They are hot and cause the shoulder to sweat; this keeps the pad and shoulder wet, and the skin becomes soft and blisters easily.

Dirty collars are probably as responsible for sore shoulders as ill-fitting ones. In the spring the horse's hair is long and holds large quantities of dirt and scales from the skin. It is soft from lack of work and sheds profusely. This forms a gummy dirt that adheres to the collar and makes, when dry, a hard, tough surface. The ordinary farm hand feels that his duty is done if he scrapes the dirt from the collar with the back of a jack-knife. This method, however, is not an especially good one for the leather of the collar, and a smooth surface is not left. A damp sponge used in the evening as soon as the dirt is taken off will, in one or two minutes, remove the dirt. This may be followed by an oiled rag. If this is done, the collar, in the morning should be soft and smooth.

Careless driving, jerking a horse out of the furrow and into it again, or obliging him to work with his head round on one side, all tend to produce sore shoulders.

Of course, the first precaution to take is not to ask the colt to do a full day's work until he learns something about his job and ceases to fret. The shoulders will then gradually become toughened. It is a good idea to sponge the shoulders with cold water—just plain cold water. Alum water has been used to good advantage; also weak solutions of tannic acid. A colt tends to toughen the skin. The injuries to the top of the

very frequently terminate in fistulas, withers, etc. A blister near the point of the shoulder is likely to become a callous and form what is known as a "cold abscess." Ill-fitting collars and poor drivers are equally responsible for a condition known as "sweeney."

If an accident occurs and in spite of careful attention a horse's shoulder becomes injured, do not wait until a fistula has developed, or an abscess has formed, or the animal is "sweeneyed," but seek the advice of a veterinary while there is still a chance to check the progress of the injury. This is not the proper place to teach the treatment of such conditions after the injury has been done; it takes years of school work to do that, but it is a good opportunity to impress upon the minds of horse owners that such unfortunate things may be entirely avoided.

VICTIMS OF CONSUMPTION.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN AT
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BROWN.—At Powles' Corners, on Monday, November 28th, 1910, the wife of Mr. John Brown, a daughter.

MOFFATT.—In the township of Fenelon, on Wednesday, November 30th, 1910, the wife of Mr. Robert Moffatt, a daughter.

MARRIED

CALDER—MINORE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. W. H. A. French, on Wednesday, November 30th, 1910, Geo. A. Calder to Sarah Minore, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Minore, all of Fenelon Falls.

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