

WHAT BRANDING MEANS.

How the Horse Feels During the Branding Process.

Now, most steers and all horses object to the branding process, says Sewell Ford in "Horses Nine." Even the spiritless little Indian ponies, accustomed to many ingenious kinds of abuse, rebel at this. A meek eyed mule, on whom humility rests as an all covering robe, must be properly roped before submitting.

In branding they first get a rope over your neck and shut off your wind. Then they trip your feet by roping your fore legs while you are on the jump. This brings you down hard and with much abruptness. A cowboy sits on your head while others pin you to the ground from various vantage points. Next some one holds a red hot iron on your rump until it has sunk deep into your skin. That is branding.

The burn of a branding iron is supposed to heal almost immediately. Cowboys will tell you that a horse is always more frightened than hurt during the operation and that the day after he feels none the worse. All this you need not credit. A burn is a burn, whether made purposely with a branding iron or by accident in any other way. The scorched flesh puckers and smart. It hurts every time a leg is moved. It seems as if a thousand needles were playing a tattoo on the exposed surface.

Neither is this the worst of the business. To a high strung animal the roping, throwing and burning are a tremendous nervous shock. For days after branding a horse will jump and start, quivering with expectant agony, at the slightest cause.

A Life Saving Order.

Many years ago the American warship Delaware came near foundering off the coast of Sardinia while luffing through a heavy squall during a morning watch. The "unauthorized" letting go of the fore sheet alone saved the ship from going down with 1,100 souls on board. The first lieutenant, afterward Commodore Thomas W. Wyman, with difficult climbing succeeded in reaching the quarter deck, where, snatching the trumpet from the officer in charge, his first order, given in a voice heard distinctly fore and aft, was "Keep clear of the paint work!" This command to hundreds of human beings packed in the lee scuppers like sardines in a box instantly restored them to order and prevented a panic, they naturally feeling that if at such a time, with a line of battle ship on her beam ends, clean paint work was of paramount importance their condition could not be a serious one.

Origin of "Canard."

Here is a newspaper derivation of the word "canard." A canard means, in French, a duck; in English it has come to mean a hoax or fabricated newspaper story. Its origin is amusing. Many years ago a French journalist contributed to the French press an experiment of which he declared himself to have been the author. Twenty ducks were placed together, and one of them, having been cut up into very small pieces, was gluttonously gobbled up by the other nineteen. Another bird was then sacrificed for the remainder and so on until one duck was left, which thus contained in its inside the other nineteen! This is the origin of the word "canard" and was copied into all the newspapers of Europe. And thus the "canard" became immortalized.

The Eyes of the Musk Ox. The skull of the bull musk ox is remarkable for the development of the eye orbits, which project sufficiently beyond the plane of the frontal bones to compensate for the interruption in the horns would otherwise make in the range of vision. The musk ox, however, does not seem to rely greatly on keenness of sight, far less on acuteness of hearing, for the ears are of small dimensions and are completely covered by the heavy growth of fur about them. The organs of scent are evidently more highly developed, and they exact of the hunter his greatest cunning.

SAFE FROM POISONOUS SERPENTS.

A physician, who spent some time in the countries bordering on the gulf of Mexico, found a curious body of men among the natives called curados de cahebra, or the safe from vipers. Having been inoculated with the poison of the serpents they were proof against their venomous bites. The inoculation was made with the venom of a viper and the bulb of a native plant called mano del sapo (toad's hand). The preventive inoculation has been an old custom among the natives of that region.

A Suggested Cure.

"Your son," said the phrenologist to the anxious parents, "will become a poet some day."

Here the father interrupted with an air of deep concern. "But don't you think we could cure him now if we could whack the poetical bump with a sledgehammer or something like that?"

A Disgrace to His Race.

"Will I go r-round an' shake hands with th' prizefighter?" he repeated. "Niver! He's an Irishman an' a disgrace to his native land; no liss." "How is that?" "He won't fight except fr money."

Land Fear.

"Hesit-it's strange you're so hard up, old man. I thought you owned half of Swamphurst and had lots to sell. Haddit-I have, but what I want is lots to eat."

The Habit of Acquisition.

"It beats me," said the philosopher, "that people will keep piling up money long after they have several times as much as they'll ever be able to use." Then he went out for a walk. Passing a bookstore, he saw half a dozen very cheap books, which, however, he knew he hadn't time to read and doubted very much if he ever would have time to read. But they were cheap, and he bought them and sent them home to be added to his library, which already contained several times as many books as he would ever have time to read.

Too Much For Patrick.

The other day a little red faced Irishman approached a postoffice which had three letter boxes outside. One was labeled "City," another "Domestic" and the third "Foreign." He looked at the three in turn and then, as a puzzled expression crossed his face, scratched his head.

Heaven is a Home of Wealth.

Yaas, they's life an' happiness aplenty in cheerful labor in the open fields an' a mighty slim chance for the doctor. Why, they's even wealth in it ef it's lived right; not riches, maybe, but wealth. Why, the way I read Scripture, it seems to me we're given to understand that heaven is a home of wealth. "Many mansions" sounds that a-way, I'm shore, an' golden streets shows that they won't anything be considered too good for use. An' sometimes I've thought that maybe it meant to give us to understand that simple riches, like gold, was to be trod underfoot. An' all the Revelational jewels, why, they seem to be set either in the walls or doors or somewhere, not let loose in piles, to be swamped or squabbled over. No riches to possess, but these wealth to enjoy.—Ruth McEnery Stuart in Century.

The Months of Leaves.

The botanist, the real investigator who has got down to making real explorations for himself, will talk to you about the thousands of minute stomates on the surface of a leaf. These invisible stomates are really the mouths through which the leaves take in carbonic acid. They are most abundant on the upper surface of leaves. Each is an oval opening guarded by a pair of lips which open and close according to requirements. They vary from less than 1,000 to more than 20,000 to the square inch of leaf surface.

A Graceful Compliment.

Some famous compliments have been paid to members of the sterner sex, and one of the most gracefully turned was that uttered by Boileau, who, when the virtuous De Mesmes, president of the parliament of Paris, was elected an academician, congratulated him in these terms: "I have come to you, sir, in order that you may congratulate me on having you for one of my fellow academicians."

A Finished Orator.

Tourist—Larkins, who came out here two years ago—he blossomed into quite a public speaker, didn't he? Bowdler—Jim—Yep. I s'pose he's what you'd call a finished orator. Made a speech denouncin' the boys for lynchin' a greaser boss thief, and they finished him.

None Better.

"My uncle died yesterday, sir, and I want you to officiate. Can you say something nice about him?" "But I didn't know him."

Good!

"Good! You're just the man."—Life.

THE CRY FOR SLEEP.

Slumber is of Greater Importance to Life Than is Food.

In "Witchery of Sleep" is printed this: The cry for sleep is ever greater than the cry for bread. Existence depends on both, but we eat to sleep, while we sleep to live. Sleep is of far greater importance than food for the preservation of life. Sleep is the chief exact thing in physic. It has neither substitute nor rival. Take away sleep—hope even is gone; nothing is left. Most of the mischievous stories told about the ability of great men to do without sleep are untrue, and the foolish man who reads that Napoleon slept only three or four hours at night and cuts down his own hours of sleep might better open a vein and lose a quart of blood than lose the sleep which is life itself. It is undoubtedly true that Napoleon, an inconceivably foolish, reckless man in matters affecting his physical welfare, did deprive himself of sleep in his early years, but he paid for it dearly. In his last battles his power of resistance was so slight that he actually went to sleep during the fighting. Chronic drowsiness weakened his brain, weakened his force of character. The foundation of his downfall was laid in Russia, when lack of sleep and unwise living generally had taken away his mental elasticity, deprived him of all power to form and carry out resolutions and resulted in his final ruin.

Four Ways to Health.

Hygienic living demands imperative-ly the absolute purity of the four following necessities: Air, water, food and thoughts. Granted these, you have the constituents out of which nature formulates such a perfect creature that the inward purity seems to lend a radiance to the personality. It is not simply a few breaths of fresh air a half dozen times a day that a woman needs, but a continuous supply, and just as the greater part of women are half starved for fresh air so they are also stunted, oftener from ignorance than necessity, in the quantity of water the body requires to keep it clean and healthy. Pleasure of a pure, elevating nature has come to be recognized as having a distinctly therapeutic office, and hence to be one of those factors which merit the same consideration and attention as other necessities in a well ordered life.

A Dream and a Reality.

An Irishman and a Scotchman once went traveling through a western prairie. It happened that one afternoon they shot a single quail, which would do for the breakfast of one of them on the following morning. Knowing that the bird was not enough for two, they agreed to have it eaten by the one who should have the best dream during the night.

When they woke early in the morning, the Irishman said to the Scotchman, "An' phwat did you dream, Sandy?"

"Well," answered the Scot, "I dreamed that I saw a beautiful basket descending from heaven, and then I got into it and was borne up to paradise.

"An' I dr-reamed," said the Irishman, "that I saw you goin' up an' thought you wouldn't come back, an' so I ate the quail."

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