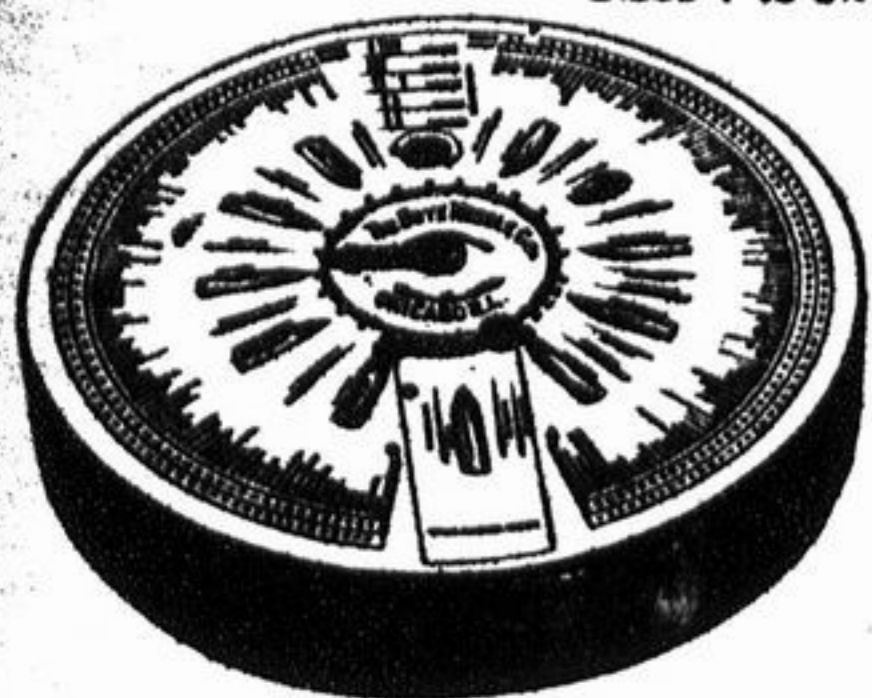


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FARM AND GARDEN

HANDLING THE SHY HORSE.

Many a high-strung young horse is made much less valuable and not infrequently spoiled for road work by careless and ignorant treatment in the hands of persons who neither know nor care what vices the horse contracts, so long as they can have the satisfaction of venting spite on the animal when he shies or shows signs of fear at objects that fill him with alarm. The following suggestions given by a writer in *Farmers' Almanac*, while referring chiefly to acquainting a horse with street cars, will be found of value in accustoming him to automobiles, steam threshers, road rollers, etc. A few hours spent in thus educating the colt or horse to lose fear of what terrifies him is time well spent and may prevent loss of life or serious injury later, and in the case of first-class road animals will frequently add a half or more to their selling value. The writer referred to says:

The chief difficulty was to accustom them to the trolley cars which came along the roads at any speed up to thirty miles an hour.

My plan was to ride quietly to the terminus and wait, at a respectful distance, the advent of a car. When it was stationary, I spent the few minutes of its stay in riding round it in circles of gradually diminishing size, but never trying to force the horse nearer than he could be coaxed to approach. Generally, in less than an hour, the horse would go right up to the car and accept car-rides from the conductor.

The next step was to follow the starting car, which, luckily, went slowly for the first mile, trotting behind and alongside, till the horse took no notice of it whatever. After that it was merely a matter of meeting cars at points where they moved slowly till gradually the horse grew accustomed to face them at any speed.

In teaching a horse to be fearless of any strange, and therefore, to him, alarming object, there are three rules of conduct to which there is no exception: Never speak sharply. Never use your whip and never urge him forward with a tight rein. A frightened or nervous horse is psychologically the equivalent of a frightened child. Would any one in his senses expect to cure his child's timidity by scolding him or whipping him, or by yanking him suddenly by the arm?

It is impossible to condemn too strongly the pulling of a horse's mouth, and laying the whip smartly across his back, which is the practice usually seen and popularly advocated "to distract his attention," when a horse shows symptoms of alarm at an approaching object, such as a motor-car; a greater mistake or one more productive of future trouble for the driver, was never made.

The ancient superstition that a horse can think of only one thing at a time, and that, therefore, the whip will divert his attention from the object of his fears is neither logical nor feasible in practice.

"Put yourself in his place," is a good motto when dealing with horses. A sudden curtailment of his usual freedom of movement, by tightening the reins, when a nervous horse is looking suspiciously at some strange approaching object, naturally increases his alarm; while use of the whip engenders fear of the object, which it will take no end of time and trouble to eradicate.

The fact that the approach of the alarming object was quickly followed by punishment naturally produces an association of the two in the equine mind, and a logical objection to face that object again.

A GOOD DAIRYMAN.

Our readers can readily realize that if a dairyman can make it profitable to pursue the industry in Canada, where the winters are longer, and outside of the corn belt, it ought to be more so here in the corn belt with shorter winters. Writing to the Canadian Dairyman, one of its dairy patrons says:

"I do not feel roots because it requires too much labor. I find that silage gave me as good results and that it is easier to feed. I grow about an acre of sugar beets each year to feed to the hogs. No person who grows corn is well equipped unless he has some kind of power on the farm. On my farm the dairy work is always given first attention. We start feeding at five o'clock and are through by six o'clock."

"It is seven years this spring since I started dairy farming and I am well satisfied with the results I have obtained. I keep books. They show me that during the last five years, my 14 to 16 cows have averaged me \$86 each for cream alone. The returns from skim milk and calves can be added to that. My hogs have averaged \$400 a year."

"During the past five years, I have sold \$52.45 worth of grain and bought \$414 worth of bran, shorts and oil cake, leaving a balance of \$158 in my favor. On my 100-acre farm, my cows have returned me an average of \$1,250 each year and my hogs, \$400."

CORN FERTILIZATION.

A study of corn fertilization has been conducted by the Connecticut station. For six successive years the average yield per acre was seventy-three bushels on land dressed with cow manure; land dressed with hog manure, seventy-four bushels; land fertilized with chemicals, sixty-three bushels; land without manure or chemicals of any kind, thirty-seven bushels. The sixth crop was largest on the hog manure plot, but the average yield per acre showed but little difference between the different crops that were fed with either of the fertilizing materials, but they all showed an increase in yield of about fifty per cent over the land that received no fertilizer of any kind.

The amount of dry matter—upon which the feeding value of a crop depends—varied but very little, which indicated that the feeding qualities of the corn were influenced but little, if any, by the fertilizer used, but showed plainly that the value of the corn when used depended almost entirely upon the cultivation, harvesting and curing of the crop.—Weekly Witness.

HOGS AND CANADA THISTLES.

A writer in an exchange claims to have been quite successful in ridding his farm of Canada thistles. His plan is as follows:

"Fence about the patch with a good pig-tight fence of some manner, and in June, when the plants are well up, turn in a bunch of thrifty shoats, unringed, and let them turn the patch upside down.

"Every rain will help to add a smear of mud over the patch, and the hot sunshine in turn will bake the surface down, and no plant, not even a Canada thistle, will exist.

"The shoats will dig after the tender rootlets for an addition to their grain diet, and you will be surprised how quickly and easily this pest will have succumbed."—Farmers Home Journal.

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Customer—Yes, sir.

Mat. Agent—Blond or brunette?
Customer—I am not particular.

Mat. Agent—But one thing—she must be a divorced woman.

Mat. Agent—Sorry, sir. I have none on hand, but if you can wait a few days I have one in preparation.—From the Bohemian.



Physicians are about the only men who really enjoy ill health.

Before altering her complexion a woman always makes up her mind.

The average married man wastes a lot of sympathy on his wife's husband.

Jack—Yes, poor John may have had his faults, but his heart was on the right side. Wagge—is it possible? No wonder he died.

Mistress—You can't entertain your company in the parlor. Bridget—Of course! Why, mum, didn't yez hear him laughin' 'till he split!

"I presume this is Lover's Lane." "You forget that ours is a strictly fashionable suburb." "Ah?" "This is Affluity Avenue."—Puck.

"What makes old Blank so uneasy when a motor car comes along?" "Why, his wife ran away in one, and he is always afraid she is coming back."

"The man who wrote 'Curse, like chickens, come home to roost—'" "Well?" "Must have had different neighbors from what I've got."—Houston (Texas) Post.

"This gas bill is only for 10 cents." "Well, sir?" "Wouldn't you add \$4? I've been writing my wife that I'm spending my evenings at home."—Louisville Courier Journal.

"My dear," remarked a gentleman, opening the dining room door, "the girl left the vegetables on the hall table." "Don't be so stupid," exclaimed his wife. "That is my new hat."

She—John, what is a stock quotation? He (on the wrong side of the market)—Hub! I guess "A fool and his money are soon parted" is a pretty good example.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. De Style—So your baby girl is three weeks old; my, how time flies. Mrs. Gunbusta—Yes; just think, in thirty years from now she will be twenty-one years old.—The Sphinx.

"You say you read every word of the advertisements in that magazine?" "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "It's a relief to find something that isn't in dialect."—Washington (D. C.) Star.

She (sternly)—This memorandum I found in your pocket, "Ribson for the typewriter," looks black. He (surprised)—Of course it does. It's the ink of the old ones.—Baltimore American.

Mother—What did Mrs. Meany give you for cutting her grass? Willie—Nothing. Mother—Why, she promised you 10 cents, didn't she? Willie—Yes, but I used her sickle to do it with and she charged me 10 cents for the use of it.—Pioneer Press.

"I'll take your damage case," said the lawyer, helping to his feet the man just hit by an automobile. "Thank you," replied the victim. "I'm not much hurt, but I recognized that messy chauffeur. He may have a case for you later."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Englishman (in British Museum)—This book, sir, was once owned by Cleopatra. American Tourist—Pshaw! that's nothing. Why, in one of our American museums we have the lead pencil Noah used to check off the animals as they came out of the ark.—Tit-Bits.

"What seems to be the matter with Mrs. Brown? She's ailing so." "Yes, poor thing, she's got one of those new fangled diseases." "She has? My, how fortunate she is, to be sure. Here I've had nothing more stylish than lumbago and I'm three years older than she is."—Detroit Free Press.

"Has that girl next door to you still got her parlor melodeon?" "No, she exchanged for a cornet. I'm glad to say." "But, gracious, if she plays the cornet that's worse, isn't it?" "Not at all. It's only half as bad. She can't sing while she's playing the cornet."—Philadelphia Press.

Old Lady—My little boy, have you no better way to spend this beautiful afternoon than by standing about killing away your time? Boy—I am! Killing away my time! There's Mr. Hanksin inside making love to my sister, and he is paying me sixpence an hour to watch for pa.—Chips.

Policeman (to tenant of fat)—And you say the rug was stolen from your hall. Can you give me any particulars of it? Tenant (nervously)—Oh, yes. It was a fancy reversible rug—red on one side and green on the other. Policeman (Impressively)—Ah—and which was the green side?—Punch.

"I want to put an ad in your paper," said the weary-looking man. "Make it. 'Wanted, a situation; any old job.' " "Shall I say, 'wages no object?'" suggested the clerk. "No, make it 'object, matrimony.' If I could get acquainted with a decent job I'd be willing to marry it for life."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

The Suez Canal.

It is certain that in ancient times a canal connecting the Mediterranean and Red seas did exist. Herodotus ascribes its projection to Pharaoh Necho, 600 B. C. The honor of its completion is given by some to Darius, by others to the Ptolemys. How long this canal continued to be used we do not know; but, becoming finally choked up by sand, it was restored by Trajan early in the second century A. D. Becoming again useless from the same cause, it was reopened by the Caliph Omar, but was finally closed by the "unconquerable sands" about A. D. 707, in which state it has since remained. This ancient canal, from Suez to Buhasta, on the east branch of the Nile, was ninety-two miles long, from 100 to 100 feet wide, and fifteen feet deep.—Washington Times.

Objects to Being Questioned.

Tommy—Oh, my pa says you're a blamed nuisance, teacher.

Teacher—What?

Tommy—Well, that's what he says I am when I ask questions, and that's what you're always a-doin'—Philadelphia Press.

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