HORSES.

MISTAKEN KINDNESS.

I find that a great deal of the care exercised in the regimen of horses by all setting and codaling of children-a source of m schief, and often constitutes positive

Some of the kindest and most tenderhearted persons in the world spend time and money, and exercise their minds in various ways, with the intention of doing for their herses the best that can be done; yet, in their miscenceived efforts, doing, in some particulars, the worst things possible. That is to say of two evils which may present themselves, they choose the greatest, or as between a good and an evil, they choose the evil, by following blindly the prevalent "customs of the country "-doing all this year just as they did last, combating and even resenting the suggestions of those who essay to introduce innovations A single illustration will serve to show my meaning and possibly add to the comfort of some of my equine friends: A horse comes to stable from a sharp drive, perspiring freely the steam rising like a heavy mist about him, and the "go-by-rule" hostler, in the kindness of his heart, as soon as the narness is removed (a rubbing down being just then impossible, perhaps) throws the woollen blanket, perhaps two of them, if in severe cold weather, over the steaming animal, and leads him to the stall; and he will do this-even his employer would direct it-in the very face of the suggestion from a bystander that the effect is to saturate the blanket almost as though dipped in water, so that in half | detain the sheep than he had to detain itself, an hour the condition is precisely as the honest creature went into the field, colbhough the boy had thrown a wet blanket over him at the start. A few minutes on the stable floor, or in his stall, unblanketed, would change the whole phase again of the subject, and then the dry, warm blanket would remain dry. Of course the question remains open as to the desirability of blanketing horses at all; there is much to be said on the side of leaving him in his natural coat, much depending, however, upon other considerations affecting the question. Again, a horse is observed to have lost his appetitite, his hay and grain remaining untouched or partly eaten. The kindhearted owner leaves the food in the manger, for his horse to eat when he wants it, and explains to the "women folks" that "Tom" is "off his feed," and they must use "Billy," or forego their drive-a little jaunt about town, perhaps, and just what overfed and underworked Tom needed, while Billy was well enough to stay indoors, if necessary! But of this more will be said later on. INSTINCT US REASON.

The intelligence of men, so often and in so many particulars, resembles the instinct of dumb animals, that I find therein an unanswerable argument in havor of the view that the difference between our reason and theirs is one of degree only. In point of fact, we find instances wherein exceptionally intelligent animals are positively the superiors, in all that gives evidence of logical thinking, of exceptionally unintelligent men. It is instinct only (if we are to distinguish between instinct and reason) which prompts a man to speedily blanket a steaming and heated horse; it is reason which impels another to refrain from the act. It is instinct which prompts most men to feed their horses just so often and at just such times, irrespective of their work or their physical condition; it is reason which impels one to withhold a feed, or to give his horse a fast-day, or to reduce the number of his meals, if it should be found from the experience of others that less are better. There are times when the regular "feed," however hungry the horse may be, is extremely eruel-times, indeed, when it means a painful death. Horses do not die from overdriving alone, at least not often. am inclined to think that in 99 cases in the hundred, when this is the supposed cause of death, and when without such over-exertion the horse might have continued to live, except for some wrong condition connected with his diet, he would still not only have lived, but would have withstood the great strain without harm; in other words, what proved too great a strain for him, fed as he was, would not have been excessive, cr, at least, not fatal, had he been fitted for it by judicious treatment, and had the strain been succeeded by reasonable, or reasoning, care, instead of routine care, which I place under the head of instinctive. Often enough, it is the care and treatment which are most kindly intended that kill or break down animals prematurely, and put them, as before remarked, into the keeping of these who can only obtain the ownership of cheap horses; and such persons, by continuing the very means which have made their horses dyspeptic and emaciated, keep them so and prevent the recovery which might often be assured by a strictly hygienic and curative regimen. 151 00 4 - ATD- 1-00 ED-

A Lake Eric Mystery. Quite an excitement has been occasioned at Eagle, In Aldboro township, by the finding of some mysterious kegs sunk in Lake Erie. They were first discovered by some young men in swimming last fall, but owing to their great weight it was not possible to remove them from the water. During the past week the tubs have attracted a great deal of attention from a report current in Aldboro that a man named Wrightman had got one of the kegs on shore, and found it filled with gold ingots, which he had immediately transported to Ohio. Since this report boats have been numerous in the vicinity, and the saud bank has been pretty well searched. People who have no romance in their composition say that a number of old paint pots were thrown into the lake at that point, and becoming filled with sand have aroused all this excitement amongst the credulous.

E. C. SLVAGE

Honest Dogs.

Chamber's Journal. It is related by Professor Bell that when a friend of his was travelling abroad, he one morning took out his purse to see if asses of people is-like the unwise it contained sufficient charge for a day's jaunt he proposed making. He departed from his ladgings, leaving a trusted dog behind. When he dined, he took out his purse to pay, and found that he had lost a gold coin from it. On returning home in the evening his servant informed him the dog seemed to be very ill, as they

could not induce it to eat anything. He went at once to look at his favorite; and as soon as he entered the room, the faithful creature ran to him, deposited the missing gold coin at his feet, and then devoured the food placed for it with great eagerness. The truth was that this gentleman had dropped the coin in the morn ing; the dog had picket it up, and kept it in its mouth, fearing to eat, lest it should lose its master's property before an opportunity offered to restore it.

Anecdotes of this character are innumerable, as are also those of dogs reclaiming property belonging, or which has belonged, to their owners. Sir Patrick Walker furnishes a most valuable instance of this propensity in our canine cousins. A farmer having sold a flock of sheep to a dealer, lent him his dog to drive them | carrots may be cooked in the same way. home, a distance of thirty miles, desiring him to give the dog a meal at the journey's end and tell it to go home. The drover found the dog so useful that he resolved to steal it, and instead of sending it back, locked it up. The collie grew sulky, and at last effected its escape. Evidently deeming the drover had no more right to lected all the sheep that had belonged to its master, and, to that person's intense astonishment, drove the whote fluck home

Dogs are not only honest in themselves, but will not permit others to be dishonest. The late Grantley Berkeley was wont to tell of his two deerhounds, "Smoker' and Smoker's son "Shark,' a curiously suggestive instance of parental discipline. The two dogs were left alone in a room where luncheon was laid out. Smoker's integrity was invincible; but his son had not yet learned to resist temptation. Through the window Mr. Berkeley noticed Shark, anxiously watched by its father, steal a cold tongue and drag it to the floor. "No sooner had he done so," says his master, "than the offended sire rushed upon him, rolled over him, beat him, and took away the tongue"; after which Smoker retired gravely to the fire-

Christmas in Bengal.

At sunrise the ever-grateful cup of tea is conveyed to each before rising through all the dry ingredients first; warm the the ayah or bearer, and by and by the guests drop into the veranda to enjoy the only fresh air of the day, and partake of the chota hazri (little breakfast) which is already waiting, Coffee and tes, with toast, eggs, and fowl, are the usual items of this meal, and while engaged with it you get a view from between the veranda pillars of a dead level country, with patches of jungle here and there amid wide tracts of cultivated land, while in the foreground stretches a velvety compound interspersed with ornamental banyan and india rubber trees, clumps of bamboos, shrubs, and flowers. Winding along the avenue presently appear four great elephants, which soon draw up in front of the bungalow, and ayahs. bearers, and children, suddenly entering on the scene, turn everything into commotion. Servants hurry to and fro with guns, ammunition, and sporting gear, which the sportsmen see sately deposited in the howdahs; and, lastly, they themselves mount by a swing on the elephant's trunk, or by the rope-ladeer that hangs from the side of the howdah, and the mahout gets the order to march. The ladies and children are to join them at breakfast a few hours later at the camp p tched on the hunting-ground. Meanwhile, to pass the time, some of the ladies sauntered down to the garden under an archway of acacia and other tropical trees that line the avenue; while through the leafy canopy glances the genial sun of the cold season with pleasant warmth, illuminating beautiful flowering creepers, parasites, and trailers that have entwined themselves among the

Camels Fond of Tobacco.

A Dongolo letter to the London "Telegraph" says: Knowing what I do about camels, I fear the brutes will do as much for us as the Nile whaleboats in the way of maining and invaliding our men. Perhaps I am prejudiced against camels, for being a non-smoker myself, I have just discovered my camel is an inveterate lover of the weed. Let any one smoke a pipe, cigar or cigarette in the compound called stables, and the camel will follow the smoker about, place his nose close to the burning tobacco, inhale the fumes with a prolonged sniff, swallowing the smoke, then throwing his head up, with mouth agape and eyes upturned showing the bloodshot whites, will grunt a sigh of ecstacy that would make the fortune of a low comedian in a love scene. This is the plain unvarnished facs, easy of corroboration. What have the Anti-Tobacco League to say about it?

Easy Enough to Get His Feet Wet.

"There, see that boy, Job," said Mrs. Shuttle, excitedly. "Wading in the water up to his knees. I belive he doesn't know enough to come in when it rains." "Den't seem as if he did. Hasn't he

rubber boots on ?" "Of course, but what of that ?

get his feet wet just the same." " Boots leak ?"

" No." "Then how does he get his feet wet?" "I'd ask how did you get your feet wet

when you was a boy?" "I went barefoot."

DOMESTIC AND USEFUL.

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Parisians declare that the sceptre of the day is a needle, and that the millionaires are tailors, dressmakers and milliners; but the need'e in the hand of a great Parisian tradesman is a different sort of weapon from that sceptre in the hand of a working-woman.

To cook scalloped chicken take equal parts of cold chicken, builed rice or macaroni, and tomato sauce. Put in layers in a shallow dish, and cover with buttered crumbs; bake till brown. Cold roast turkey, using stuffing and gravy,

may be prepared in the same way. In making beet hash take cold boiled beets and potatoes, one-third beets and two-thirds potatoes; hash them, and fry or stew in milk and butter, with salt and pepper. Heat slowly and thoroughly. This is nice for a breakfast. Beets and

Bronze may be renovated and re-colored by the use of a mixture of one part of muriatic acid with two parts of water. After the article is freed from all grease and dirt the diluted acid is carefully applied with a cloth. When the solution is dry the article is well polished with fine olive oil.

Professor Brinton says that the best a vessel of very hot water immediately, then add boiling water as it can be borne. K p she pare immersed for twenty minutes, or until the pain subsides; then apply a tight bandage and order rest. Sometimes the joint con be used in twelve hours. If necessary use a silicate of sodium dressing.

Sago custard, which is both nourishing and palatable, is made by soaking two tablespoonsful of sago in a half pint of cold water for an hour and a half, then boil it in the same water until it looks clear, then add a tumbler of sweet milk, let this boil for a minute or two, add sugar to your taste, and when you remove it from the fire add one well-beaten egg, and flavoring to your taste.

GINGERBREAD PUDDING - Eight ounces of bread crumbs, four ounces of flour, four of suet, a teaspoonful of baking powder, the same of ground ginger, half a teaspoonful of mixed spice, and the same of salt; six ounces of treadle, one egg, and a quarter of a pint of milk. Mix treacle, and stir it well in with the egg and milk Boil in a greased basin (leaving a little room for the pudding to swell) for three hours. Currants, raisins, or chopped figs will improve this pudding.

Strength of the Sword Fish.

The power of a sword fish has always been admitted, and instances have not been altogether uncommon of his attacking vessels and burying his formidable weapon in them. A case has just cccurred which shows that the strength of the fish is even greater than was suspected. The three-masted schooner "Themis," of Boston, lately put into port leaky. On her voyage from Mobile she was suddenly found to be making water fast. The crew were set to the pumps, and found that they were able to keep down the water, but that steady work was required. The hands, therefore, shifted the cargo, and at last found the hole, which was caused by the sword or horn of a sword | fish. It had passed through the copper sheathing of the ship, through the outer planking, four and a half inches in thickness, through the nine inch space between that and the lining, and then through the inner planking, another four and a half inches thick, projecting three inches inside the the ship. The force required to send a biunt weapon like this through nine inches of solid wood must have been immense, and had it not been that the horn was exhibited in situ when the vessel reached port it would have been difficult to believe it. The sword fish, who, no no doubt, thought the dark mass passing over him was a whale, must have been pretty well astonished and disgusted at the result of his attack.

Levity for Lawyers.

The successful lawyer finds his avocation the most profitable per-suit.

The wit of eminent lawyers in our modern courts is essentially fee bill.

A shrewd lawyer never refuses a casenot even a case of champagne. There is only one lawyer in the Indiana

penitentiary, and it is just fun to see how all the other convicts dodge him. A New Orleans lawyer has made himself round-shouldered carrying law books into court. Some Philadelphia lawyers

have made themselves round-shouldered carrying their fees home. "A journalist," said the lawyer, "is a man who has employment without a profession." "A lawyer," retorted the journalist, " is a man who has a profession

without emple yment." "As I was coming home from the lawyer's to-day I noticed the most beautiful. sealskin sacque. It cost only \$300." "Why didn't you buy it, dear?" "I was just coming away from the lawyer's,"

I said. "Oh!" "I don't know which of them to accept," replied Miss De Silva, thoughtfully to her mother. "Mr. Brown's father has just died and has left \$1,000,000." "Yes.". "And Mr. Smith is only Mr. Brown's lawyer." "Is the will to be contested ?" "I believe it is, but"--- "Then I think I will marry Mr. Smith,"

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