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BE KIND TO DUMB ANIMALS



WE should never treat dumb animals cruelly or be mean to them. We should treat them as we treat our friends. They never do any harm to us. They cannot understand us when we speak to them and therefore we should be kind to them. If we are kind to them they will do their very best to please us in their own way.

I think the "Round-up" in Pendleton ought to be abolished. Riding the horses and steers and buffaloes is a cruel thing, and roping the steers and throwing them down and dragging them and accidentally breaking their horns is abominable. The horses get frightened to death when they feel the spurs digging into their ribs. It is a cruel thing to treat dumb animals in the way they do at the "Round-up." Be gentle and kind to all the animals and they will be gentle to you.—Henry Elk, Cayuse, Oregon; Seventh Grade.

KINDNESS TO DUMB ANIMALS—THE HORSE

While at home this summer, I hardly did anything but ride on horseback. One of my brothers owned a very pretty gray horse, which he could hardly do a thing with. The horse was a high-lived animal and he'd rear, and act stubborn, and wouldn't walk, but kept prancing all the time. He was afraid to trust me with the horse, so one day I asked him if he would saddle the horse for me, which he did. I put on my riding outfit, I went and out petted the horse and talked to him, and finally mounted him.

I was surprised, and so was my brother—the horse didn't even try to act mean. So I took a long ride on him and when I returned my brother got on and rode him to the barn and petted him as he unsaddled him. From then on he would not beat any more of his horses and this horse always acted so kind and good to my brother and all the rest of us whom he knew. This was a great lesson in kindness, which was taught to my brother.—Blanche Sloan, Sloan, Montana; Sixth Grade.