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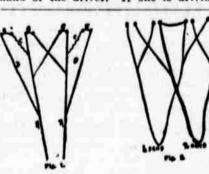


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Driving Four Horses Abreast. To drive four horses abreast, two full sets of lines are not absolutely neessary as an arrangement such as that shown in the accompanying illustra-

tion can be used. B B B B are the bits. A A are ordinary driving lines on the middle horses. C C are straps from the inside ring of the outside horses' bits fastened to the hame ring of the inside horses. D D are straps or extra lines reaching across from the ordinary lines to the outside ring of the bits of the outside horses. As a matter of convenience, one may attach these to the lines at the buckle, but that plan has this objection, if the outside horses are hard-mouthed it has a tendency to pull the lines out too far and worry the inside horses' mouths. This can be entirely overcome by making D D longr and attaching it further toward the hand of the driver. If one is driving



FOR DRIVING FOUR HORSES.

unbroken or vicious horses it is a good plan to run DD out far enough that the driver can slip his hands through the loops thus made and use them as a pair of holders are used on a hardnouthed driving horse.

In the second illustration the inside horses are shown with a tie strap fastening them together. In driving, tie the hand pieces of each off rein together, also those of the near horses, which, if of equal length, enables the driver to handle four horses with as much ease as two.

Timothy and Clover Hay. Timothy hay is the one most commonly grown on the farm and found in the market, according to a Pennsylvania bulletin. Timothy sells for a higher price in the market than other hay, and is regarded as being particularly adapted to horses. It is deficient in protein, and for that reason should be fed with a grain ration of a nitrogenous nature. For horses no better basis for a ration can be found than timothy hay and oats. It is less valuable for cattle and sheep. Clover has is next to timothy in common use, and the two are more often found mixed than either is found alone. The nitrogenous nature of the clover aids in supplying the deficiency of protein in the timothy. Clover is more valuable than timothy for cattle and sheep, but is not considered so satisfactory for

An Anti-Kicking Device. An arrangement which will cure the worst kicking cow that I have ever seen is shown in the sketch. Take a



STRAP IN PLACE. cow and not buckle it too tight. She will probably object and jump around a little at first, but will soon become used to the arrangement and will not raise any more disturbance. A rope may be used instead of a leather strap if it is not tied too tight. Be gentle with the cow and treat her right and in a few weeks you can take off the strap and she will remain quiet. In case she begins to kick again, replace the strap and leave it on her for a while.-C. H. Perker, in Farm and Home.

Salt for Dairy Cows. The carefully kept cows on the Detroit dairy farm receives four ounces of salt dally, mixed with their feed. They eat their food better, and the owner thinks they do better when they have this amount than when the allow ance is smaller. The cows are fed three times a day ,and the sait is divided between the three feeds. Fine table salt is invariably used. The ows prefer it to coarse sait.

Spring Pastures. When the spring opens there is a temptation to put stock on the pasures rather early in the season. This should not be done, as tramping by the animals may do harm. A heavy roller should be used over the pasture field so as to press down and smooth the surface for the mower, if the field is cut for hay. Very young grass or rye is laxative, and cows will fall off in the yield of milk if put on too early or kept on the pasture too long.

Farm Brevities. Never pasture the alfalfa the first

A healthy flock of sheep is a profit-Mutton eaters are increasing faster

than mutton.

We are asked the question if the sedling used in grafting apple exerts any influence on the tree as to hardiness and if so what are the best to use. The apple seedling is the foundation for the tree, as the scion depends on this at least the first two years for establishing itself and forming the nucleus of the future tree. In the past there has not been given the attention as there should have been to hardiness and adaptability of the stocks of our different fruit trees, and it has just commenced to be agitated by horticulturists the last few years. It has been the custom of many nurseries to import from France seedlings of French crab and domestic apples for grafting Fine Wines & Liquors on. Many of these are known to be ten-

der and hence many of the losses from trees dying out could be traced if we knew directly to the stocks on which the tree had been grafted. If we were to save seed from such varieties as Duchess of Oldenburg, wealthy, northsee a marked difference in the hardiness of our trees. Some of our painstaking nurserymen are very careful on this account and buy their apple seeds in Vermont or northern New York, where it is washed out of the pumice of the cider mills in sections where they have had for years large seedling orchards. While the fruit was inferior, yet the trees were hardy, and this is the only requirement in a stock, as the quality of the tree will always be influenced by the scion.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

Pruning the Plum Trees. It has been frequently noticed that old plum trees do not produce as good quality fruit as a rule as the younger trees and sometimes become very inferior and unproductive. In many cases the old trees would be benefited by severe cutting back, and besides that, it would be well to keep the plum tree in better training than has been the usual practice in the west; cutting back the long and spreading branches, and compelling them to head in short and close to the trunk. This might not be good practice for all varieties, and it would be well to undertake it with Silk Tie Cigars some care, selecting some few individuals and noting the effect of such prun ing upon them.-Rural World.

Halter Tie. The necessity of making a knot in the end of the halter every time the horse is tied in the stall is done away with by the inven-

> Dakota ranchman. Where a hundred or more horses are employed the time involved in tying them in the stalls each day is considerable. The halter tie, as shown in

the Illustration, is CANNOT SLIP. made of one piece of metal, through which extend two slots. These slots are wider at one end than at the other. By placing a rope through one of the slots and pulling on the same the rope is sure to become wedged in the slot tighter and tighter. The halter tie is nailed at the head of the stall in advance of the horse, so that the latter in pulling on the rope will force it more tightly into the slot. Only a few seconds are required to slip the rope into the slot and over a small book at the inner end. While in this position there is no danger of the horse working the halter

loose and roaming in the stable.

Cultivating Young Trees. The soil will dry very rapidly and to great depth if allowed to get hard and compact. There is but a small space left for air in solid soils, and from this fact they become hot and dry to a great depth in summer, while if gir is present, as it is in loose soils (being such a poor conductor of heat). It will allow only a small portion of soil to become hot, which soon cools at night and is filled with a copious dew, not only retaining the moisture already in the soil, but also adding to it at a season when moisture is especially benefited by cultivation, because all

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Birds the Parmers' Friends. Professor Cook of the national agricultural department declares that of the 300 different kinds of birds, but three are the farmers' foes, the English sparrow leading. He held that, while the robin is looked upon as a destroyer of early fruit, his diet is but 1 pound of fruit to 9 pounds of inPhone Main 2318

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