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Blindness of Horses.

We find the following well written article in Qur Dumb Anima's for April, translated from the German, and give it place as worthy of careful consideration:

It is very singular that among al our domestic animals, the horse is the one which suffers most from diseased eys and from blindness It is seldom that we hear of blind oxen, sheep, dogs, catel or swine.

What can be the cause of so much blindness in horses? Our answer is, that it must come from mismanagement and wrong treat ment on the part of their owners.

Five reasons may be assigned for the frequency of blindness in horses so that the horse must lift its head and stretch its neck to be able to pull down the hay from between the bars. Now, it often happens that a very small grain, armed with barbs, falls directly into the eye of here for some ingenius person to the horse where it sticks too last to invent machines to cut and treat be removed by the weeping which it causes. Inflamation sets in, and the eye is either neglected or barbarously treated by ignorant and unfeeling saule boys.

A second cause, is the sharp, biting exhalation of the stalls in connection with the Aight of The development of the sharp ammo-niacal gas which strings the eyes of men and causes them to shed tears, must injure the eyes, of horses, as the one who seeps best will be the well No eare is taken of the eye, already weak, the dust of the read inflames it, and the tengister does not think to alleviate the animal's pain by washing the eye with a soft | ness . It will enre impanity | It will

sponge, of and A third cause, is the lad arrangement of the stalls, with regard to light. If the light is on one side, so that the horse sees it only from one eye, it is injurious. If the stall tives, it will cure hypothondria. is dark, so that ten home must look It will cure headsche. It will cure nature distriction in the light. It is deal we might make a longer list of also that the beek the animal in the mervous manadies thatit will cure. full began both. The proper way The gote of eleeple space, how is to be light into the stall ower, is not so easy, particularly in when he stall ower, is not so easy, particularly in when he stall ower, is not so easy, particularly in when he stall ower to be with For from a good with the roof those with company grant responsibile of parted with the particular which the company which the stall of the particular with the particular with the stall of the particular with the particula

the horse is placed. The stall ought always to be light, because the horse is not a nocturnal animal. The best arrangement for a horse is to leave it obtained in a large enclosure, so that it moves freely.

The fourth and principal cause of blindness in horses is the blinder.

one of the most cruel inventions ever known, as any one who nnderstands the formation of the eye of the horse will perceive.
The fifth cause of blindness is the whip. Men and boys have the

toolish habit of suapping the whip, even in sport, about the horse's head, not heeding that the end often strikes in its eye,

New Use for Chicken Feathers.

"According to statistics very carefully compiled," says a writer in La Nature, "we throw away yearly aquantity of chicken teathers, the intrinsic value of which is equal to the money which we pay out for cotton." A startling statement, but the author considers it true; and he proceeds to explain how the feathers are prepared to render them valuable: The operation is to cut the plume portions of the feathers from the stem, by the means of ordinary hand seissors. The former are placed in quantities in a coarse bag, which, when full, is closed and subjected to a thorough k cading with the hands. At the end of five mmntes, the feathers, it is stated, become disjutegrated and telted together, forming a down, perfectly homogeneous and of great lightness. It is even lighter than natural eider down, because the latter contains the ribs of the feathers, which give extra weight. The material thus prepared is worth, and readily sells in Paris for about two dollars a pound. About 16 Troy onnees of this down can be obtained from the feathers of an ordinary sized pullet; and this on the above valuation is worth about 20 cents, It is suggested that, through the winter, the children might collect all the feathers about a farm, and cut the ribs out as we have stated. By the spring-time a large quantity of down would be prepared, which would be disposed of to upholsterers, or employed for domestic uses. Goose leathers may be treated in a similar manner, and thus two-thirds of the product of the bird bulized, instead of only about one-fifth, as is at present the

The chicken down is said to form a beautiful cloth when woven. The first is, the high crib which is material, a pound and a half of or about a square generally placed above the manger down is required. The fabric is said to be almost indestructible, as, in place of fraying or wearing out at folds, in only seems to felt the tighter. It takes dye readily, and is thoroughly waterproof. There reems to be a good opportunity the feathers.

What Sleep Will Care.

The cry for rest has always been louder than the cry tor food. Not that it is more important but it is often harder to get. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, most moral healthful and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, poevisings, measibuild up and make strong a weary body. It will do much to core and prostration felt by consump-

one which if broken for any length of time, it is not so easily regained. Often illness treated by powerful drugs, so deranges the nervous system that sleep is never sweet after. Or perhaps long continued watchfulness produces the same effect; or hard study; or too much exercises of the muscular system. exercise of the muscular system, or whisky drinking, or tobacco chew-

To break up the habit, are required: A good clean bed; sufficient exercise to produce weariness, and pleasant occupation; good pure air and not too warm a room; freedom from too much care; a clear stomach; a c'ear conscience; and avoidance of stimulants.

A little boy was playing with a couple of five-cent pieces the other evening, which a friend had given him, and putting his finger on one of them said, " This one I am going to give to the heathen." He kept on playing till at last one of the pieces rolled away, and he could not find it. "Which one have you lost?" "The one I was going to give to the heatlien," replied the

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