

The Horse.

The Management of Horses.

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ED. FARMER.—Domestic animals need a more humane treatment from their owners. Dumb brutes have sensibilities and wants the same as man. They receive generally but little attention from man as regards their well-being; their comfort and convenience are often times not considered in the least. That domestic animals should be properly cared for and protected is never contradicted by reasonable men. Mr. Bergh of New York City, is doing a noble service in protecting horses from being misused.

Farmers are often regardless of the convenience of their stables. The horse is required to stand on a hard floor for a long time. He lies down for rest, but it is much the same. To remedy this, straw, or some other light substance, should be placed in the stable, which would make a soft bed. The well treated horse appreciates all kindness. To make a horse gentle and kind, discipline should commence at its birth. It should be trained thoroughly though kindly. He should be taught that you are his master, unmistakably so.

A gentle, vigorous, and mettlesome horse can be made by the right training. In training, it requires gentleness and intelligence in the man. Be resolute with him when he is stubborn, show no excitement on your part; tolerate no vices or tricks, but encourage all his good qualities. By taking him when he is a colt, he can be fitted for use without any training when he becomes a horse. Overwork and small amount of bad food will kill any horse before he is hardly at his prime. We often see horses at thirty years of age, strong and hearty; horses which have been worked continually from a young age; yet they were never overworked; were treated kindly; had done much work, but had never been strained. A continued tugging is what takes hold of the system, and is that which breaks down many horses. There are but few rules in the training of horses. Special rules are of no great account. The dispositions of horses differ, and they must be managed accordingly. There must be no contradiction in your course of treatment. Whatever is begun must be finished. Do not put him into cold, hard stables, or into those that are wet and filthy. He should have sufficient quantity of nutritious food, and a good supply of pure water twice a day when idle, and three or four times a day when working. Never allow him to drink when very warm, unless he is put into action immediately after drinking.

Too much stress cannot be put on to the point that the training of the horse must be commenced at his birth. He must be trained when a colt. The principle that the discipline of children must commence young, applies very forcibly in the management of the horse. If by chance, you get a horse lazy, bulky, stubborn, dirty, and ungainly, get rid of him, for he will prove a curse instead of a blessing. When you purchase, be sure to get good blood, which is as easy as to get bad. Buy those which have weight and muscle with fair action combined. For draft horses, Percheron or Norman, and Clydesdale, seem to be the best.

REX.

The Puget Sound Express of the 21 inst. says: "Something new under the sun has been exhibiting itself for the past few days in the shape of a volcano in the Olympic range. A peak situated west-northwest from Steilacoom has been sending forth, at intervals, dusky columns of smoke which produced quite a contrast to the snowy surroundings.

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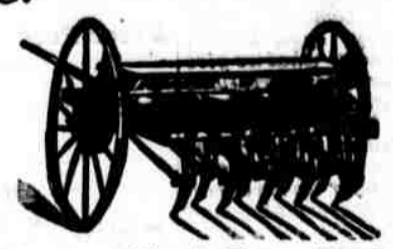
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