

"BREAKING" VS. "EDUCATING" THE COLT

(By C. T. Colt, Union County, Or.)
How often do we hear the remark "we are breaking a young horse." When I hear this oft-repeated phrase I question: How many men who have entrusted to their care and guidance this most noble animal God has placed in our keeping, ever realize the importance of properly educating or training their faithful servant instead of breaking?

My friend, what do you mean when you say you are breaking the colt? Are you really and truly going to break his will, his ambition, his energy, his nature to be so cowed and silenced that he will be afraid to use his strength to exert to the utmost the immense power that lies stored in those sinews and muscles, to intelligently and quickly obey your slightest or most urgent command?

We start our boys and girls in the public school. They complete the course there taught and we then pack the trunk; a ticket for some college or university city is purchased where they may spend another four years obtaining knowledge. Our boys and girls are intelligent, thinking, reasoning beings—the highest type of God's creatures, the highest type of the animal creation. On an average we will say twelve years spent in the course of education or training them for life's duty. This is right and proper.

Did any one ever say break the boys to work? Break the girls to sew? Break the young men and women to become mathematicians, doctors, lawyers, ministers, or to gain knowledge in any certain calling?

Some one will remark: "Such nonsense, to compare a horse to a person." Are you sure we are not speaking very good sense? A horse is an intelligent, thinking, and reasoning being. I will admit that he can not speak the English language, but if his master will use just a mite of good common horse sense when handling this same dumb brute, it will not require much time to ascertain that a horse can understand most any human language.

Suppose we try changing our tactics and try educating our friend. Train him to pull, to trot, to gallop, to come to us when his service is required, to gently take to his task of the load, the saddle, the plow, the cart, or whatever the task, and do it with a gentle, obedient, kindly expression of the eye that so plainly speaks when he can not convey by speech.

You begin with the boy early, "begin with the colt early." Educate him by starting when you can easily accomplish so much. By education teach him that you are his friend, though ever impress upon him that you are his master. Kindness will conquer the most vicious animal while fighting and rough brute force will only make him fear, hate, and be ever ready to fight back.

But some will say: "There are exceptions." I say: Never. You are

willing to train your son in his public school and college course for 12 years and he can talk and reason and as you say is pretty smart without this training, and with this colt, who can not talk and reason in your language, you lose all patience if he fails to catch on to your ideas in something like fifteen minutes. If you hitch him to a wagon twice and he refuses to pull a big load the next time you thrash him, and for what? Perhaps his collar does not fit; instead pinches his throat. Perhaps the back and belly band girt too close and when pulling on a hard strain not being accustomed to moving in such a condition, his wind is affected temporarily and he comes back. The reason of all is summed up. He has not been educated to pull and, like any artisan, must first learn his trade. It is your duty to so educate him and teach him the rudiments and science of his profession—to haul heavy loads, to plow a straight furrow, to walk quickly and smoothly, trot swiftly and quickly and willingly obey your every wish and command.

Fellow horsemen, let us look upon our friend the horse as a creature God has entrusted to our care, and though our servant yet our benefactor, for where would we turn to replace so faithful a friend as the horse?

Feed him quality, though he may not have the pure food act to champion his cause. Give him sufficient quality to nourish and stimulate that powerful body to perform the task you may demand. Because he can not say the water is muddy or stagnant, do not fail to lead him to the spring or if need be carry from the well nature's thirst-quenching and refreshing beverage—pure water.

"But some horses are fools; you can not teach them." Yes, I know some would-be horsemen are fools and it seems to be somewhat contagious disease from man to beast. For example, a very balky driver will most always infect the animals under his care with the bacilli that his hide is impregnated with.

"But how am I going to do all this training, this educating? I broke horses all my life and this new idea may be all right but how do you go about it, what rules and course of instruction do you follow?"

Here you are: Throw away all such weapons as whips and lariat or lasso, and all boisterous, loud and rough treatment. Supplement kindness, quietness and gentleness, and get on the good side of the colt. Then, step by step, give him his lessons little by little. Never make a false move or do anything that must be undone.

Some horsemen use a drug that is said to attach the animal to the master and cause him to do his bidding. I have such a preparation and use it on all animals that I wish to conquer. I am willing to

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CHANGE IN EUGENE DRY GOODS FIRM

A deal was made this week whereby I. T. Nicklin takes the interest of H. C. Neal in the firm of Nicklin & Neal, Eugene. There will be no change in the place of business. Mr. Nicklin will conduct a general dry goods business at the same old stand and R. Daniel will own and conduct the grocery store department. Mr. Nicklin will add greatly to the stock of dry goods now on hand, and as the business has grown wonderfully since he

opened up there several years ago, he expects it to keep pace with the growth of the town. The building of the Odd Fellows' block will add greatly to the popularity of that corner from a business standpoint, and it will no doubt grow much better year by year.
Mr. Neal has not decided what he will do but will take a rest for a short time as his health is not all that he can desire.

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WM. McMURAY,
General Passenger Agent.
JOHN M. SCOTT, Assistant General Passenger Agent.

Notice to Change Grades on State and Commercial Streets.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, adopted a resolution, April 27, 1908, for the changing of established grades on State street in said city between the east line of Commercial street and the west line of Church street, and Commercial street in said city between the north bank of South Mill Creek and the north line of Center street. Said change to be made in accordance with the profiles and report as made from the survey of J. B. Perrott.

By order of the common council,
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