

they are brought into it by improper management; and when a horse balks in harness it is generally from some mismanagement, excitement, confusion, or from not knowing how to pull, but seldom from any unwillingness to perform all that he understands. High spirited, free-going horses are the most subject to balking, and only so because drivers do not properly understand how to manage this kind. A free horse in a team may be so anxious to go when he hears the word he will start with a jump, which will not move the load, but give him such a severe jerk upon the shoulder that he will fly back and stop the other horse; the teamster will continue driving without cessation, and by the time he has the slow horse started again, he will find that the free horse has made another jump, and again he flew back and now he has them both badly balked, and so confused that neither of them know what is the matter, or how to start the load. Next will come the slashing and cracking of the whip, and the halooing of the driver, till something is broken or he is through his course of treatment. But what a mistake the driver makes by whipping his horse for this act. Reason and common sense should teach him that the horse was willing and