

WOLF TEETH IN HORSES.

A correspondent of the *Country Gentlemen*, says, in reference to wolf teeth in horses :

Why such teeth affect the eyes I know not ; neither did I see any one who pretended to give any reason, though I have asked the most experienced and skilful dental surgeons. But that two small, sharp teeth, called in common parlance wolf teeth, frequently grow one on each side of the upper jaw of the horse, just in front of the molars, is a fact known to all conversant with young horses ; and that such teeth do injure the eyes I have no question. My father raised some blood horses, and I can remember when quite a boy, seeing them knocking out these teeth from the colts. Although the eyes recovered soon after the teeth were out, I could see no reason for it and thought it an absurd custom. When old enough to take a more practical interest, I thought it must be the bleeding occasioned by extracting the teeth that was beneficial ; but I soon found by practical experience, that bleeding would not cure the eyes while these teeth remained in. I have known, I should think, as many as thirty cases. I never knew them come in colts younger than two or more than six years old. Horses more frequently, though mares sometimes have them. I have noticed one eye of my young horses becoming sore, and found quite a large tooth on that side of the mouth, while the tooth on the other side would be but just making his appearance, and the eye on that side quite clear. I have known some cases where but one tooth ever came, but in most instances where one appears, the other will come shortly. I have had three cases among my own horses last spring, all of which recovered soon after the teeth were out. And I do not now recollect an instance where the teeth were extracted soon after the eyes became sore, that they did not recover. They are best extracted with forceps.

DIOSCOREA BATATAS.

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EXHIBITION AT VERSAILLES.—Fine specimens of the *Dioscorea Batatas* were exhibited by *Mons. Rémont*, of Versailles, whose practical zeal in cultivating has been rewarded by receiving from the hand of the Empress, the Grand Prize of Honor (being her gift).

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MONS. CHEVET, Chairman of the Committee on the subject, Reports that the cultivation of the *Dioscorea Batatas* in our market gardens is *sure*, both on account of its abundant crop, and its excellent quality. Its culture is easy ; it requires but little care ; its hardihood proved ; it keeps perfectly in the earth ; no cold hurts it, it is very readily multiplied by the seed or by the little balls—"Bulbilles"—and by cuttings, &c. It should be planted in rows from forty to fifty centimetres apart—(about from sixteen to twenty inches.) I have demonstrated the excellence of this tuber for our tables—for plain dishes, and for luxurious dishes. It cooks in *half the time required by the potato*, in the pot, in the oven, or under hot ashes.—*The poor will profit more by it than the rich !* I come to the society to ask for votes of thanks to our Consul, *Mons. Montigny*, who sent it to us from china—and to the members of this society who have carefully cultivated this precious plant in their respective departments.

HOW TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE IN A CHIMNEY.—So many serious fires have been caused by chimneys catching fire, and not been quickly extinguished, that the following method of doing this should be made as generally known as possible : Throw some powdered brimstone on the fire in the grate, or ignite some on the hob, and then put a board or something in the front of the fireplace, to prevent the fumes descending into the room. The vapor of the brimstone ascending the chimney, will then effectually extinguish the soot on fire.

TANSEY FOR PEACH TREES.—A few years ago I experimented with planting a root of tansey with some young peach trees, as a preventive of the worm at the root, which I thought had a good effect. Nearly all the trees were blown up by the roots during the storm we had four years ago, but one or two were left, which continuing flourishing, The tansey grows round the tree, and seems to act as a mulching.—*Cor. Ohio Cultivator*.