

if you ever expect baulky horses to work, you must first win their confidence and then treat them well, give them good collars, and never load them too heavy.

THE KICKER.

This is a very bad habit which always has a cause. Some times one thing will cause a horse to kick, and other times another thing, but I believe most of horses are spoilt by harsh treatment, by the use of ropes and severe bits in the mouth. Use a horse just the same as you would use a colt, start by putting the halter-pulling rope on him and use the handling pole, then harness and drive him till he yields. Hitch in the poles, and be sure and have his mouth strapped shut; when you give him two or three lessons in this way he will soon stop his tricks and you can drive him with safety, when you hitch a kicker or baulker, never put the lines in the terrets because you have more control over him by leaving them out, and can lead him around and sit in the buggy. Always use my bit on a kicker and talk only as little as possible, but have what you do say understood. This treatment will work satisfactory on a runaway horse, or a nervous or wild colt.

In using my theory you will find that judgment and kindness are the ruling powers in it, and I will further state that if you ever expect to become a horse tamer you must first learn to control your own temper before you can undertake to control a horse, for it requires a man of superior judgment to handle a vicious horse.

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