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## HORSE TAMING SECRETS.

We published, a few months ago, some remarks on the subject of taming horses, with an enumeration of certain drugs or substances of which the horse is very fond, and which have been employed as aids in winning his confidence and rendering him decile. A new method has been discovered, or perhaps, speaking more correctly, an old method has been lately revived, for taming vicious horses, and its efficacy been tested in the presence of Royalty. A Mr. Rarey, of Ohio, accompanied by Mr. Goodenough, of Toronto, is now in England, exhibiting his peculiar skill to the aristocracy and scientific men of that country. He has succeeded in taming some vicious horses belonging to Prince Albert. Her Majesty was present at one or two of his taming operations, and expressed great satisfaction at the result. We believe we are in possession of this secret, or one equally efficacious, and shall publish it for the benefit of our readers. The secret of Mr. Rarey is, it is likely, exceedingly simple, and the same as is commonly practised in some of the adjoining States, where it has become known to so many that it will soon pass, as should be the case with all secrets affecting any important interest of mankind, cut of the empiricism and mystery which now envelop it, into the common stock of useful knowledge.

Mr. Rarey has communicated his secret to Lord Alfred Paget and others, under the most stringent obligations that they will not disclose it. Some of the "horse breakers" who have communicated their secrets to us, have imposed upon us no such condition, and it will soon be as public as the "patent method" of breaking steers. The improvement as regards steers consists more in confining them during the operation in a small inclosure usually made of rails, and in the exercise of perfect patience; never striking the animals except when they act on the offensive. "If you strike and keep striking a steer," says an old farmer, "no matter what it does, it is sure to think it may as well do wrong as right." All young creatures should be allowed time for reflection, and it is relatively quite as important to avoid irritation or any-