

but if the remembrance of corporal punishment is connected with shoeing they will be more or less fidgety, and sometimes very dangerous. We wish it was a law in every smith-shop that no man should be permitted to strike a horse, much less to twitch or gag him, without the owner's consent, and that a young horse should never be struck or twitched. The plan that we adopt to handle the feet is very simple, and not less effectual. By adopting this plan your colt can, in a few moments, be taught to stand perfectly still to be shod: as soon as you get your colt thoroughly broken to the halter, get a strap, or a piece of webbing, eighteen feet in length; now tie one end of the strap, or webbing, around the colt's neck, just where the collar comes; work it well back to the shoulder; you are now standing at the left side of the colt, do not be in a hurry; work handy, and carefully, be very uniform in your words and actions; now take the other end of your strap, gently pass it back between the forward legs, bring it through to the left side; now lay it over his back, with your right hand under his chest you can draw it through again to the left side; now place the end up into the loop around the neck—you will now find your strap crossed just back of the left forearm—gently raise the left foot, and lay it into the strap that comes between the legs—the outside strap is wound around the ancle; now take the end that is passed through the loop around the neck in your right hand, your left holding the colt by the head; you will see that you have the foot secure, with no possible chance to injure