

to the quality, quantity and distribution of the forage, as well as the vigor and exertion with which the grooming is performed ; these are subjects that require from every officer and non-commissioned officer the strictest attention.

Great care must be taken that the horses are properly watered, without which they cannot possibly be kept in good condition. Every horse should be allowed as much as he will drink, excepting when brought in heated or over fatigued, at which time they should be sparingly watered ; but at the next stable hour they should not be stinted. Non-commissioned officers must look carefully after young soldiers in this matter.

The following routine will be gone through daily at stables : On the trumpet sounding for morning stables, the men will fall in by squads, the roll called, then march to stables, litter up, and sweep down, commence grooming off side, then near side, "heads about," clean eyes, nostrils, &c., sweep down, clean headstall ; feed with corn when trumpet sounds.

On the trumpet sounding for mid-day stables the men go immediately to their horses, the non-commissioned officers go round their squads to ascertain whether all are present, pick out and wash horses' feet, &c., "heads about," "collar up," groom body and legs, feed with hay (no man to leave off grooming till permitted by the non-commissioned officer to do so), sweep down ; feed with corn when trumpet sounds.

At evening stables water and feed with hay, dress, &c., then litter down, feed with oats and hand-rub legs (principally hind ones) for quarter of an hour, litter down for the night.

Horses not present at the appointed stable or feeding hours, are not to have a double feed of oats, if there be time to divide it, before they are bedded up for the night.

When men come in with their horses, and they have not had their meals, they may be permitted to quit the stables for half an hour, leaving their horses harnessed until they return ; they are first to take off the bridles, put on collars, throw up cruppers, wisp their head and legs, pick and wash their feet, and feed with hay. On their return to the stables the horses are to be watered, and fed with oats,