

to his shoulder, and stop a few seconds. If you are in his reach he will turn his head and smell of your hand, not that he has any preference for your hand, but because that is projecting, and is the nearest portion of your body to the horse. This all colts will do, and they will smell of your naked hand just as quick as they will of anything you can put in it, and with just as good effect, however much some men have preached the doctrine of taming horses by giving them the scent of articles from the hand. I have proved that to be a mistake. As soon as he touches his nose to your hand caress him as before directed, always using a light, soft hand, merely touching the horse, always rubbing the way the hair lies, so that your hand will pass along as smoothly as possible. As you stand by his side you may find it more convenient to rub his neck or the side of his head, which will answer the same purpose as rubbing the forehead. Favor every inclination of the horse to touch you with his nose. Always follow each touch or communication of this kind with the most tender and affectionate caresses, accompanied with a kind look, and a pleasant word of some sort such as : ' Ho ! my little boy, ho ! my little boy, pretty boy, nice lady ! ' or something