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SURGERY FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—Farmers should know that a broken bone may be set and the injury cured in dumb animals, as well, considering their different natures, as in a human being. I once saved a young horse which got well and strong after his hind leg was broken; and long ago had a year old heifer which got her hind leg broken above the hock joint. The steer that broke it chased above the bock joint. The steer that broke it chased her over the bars, and the broken bones projected through the skin some inches. I got he into a pen well provided with litter, and set the bone as well as the circumstances would admit, and splintered and bandaged it up, and in six weeks it was apparently as well as ever, with the exception of a small callus at the place where broken. The animal may now be seen at my place.—Cor. Maine

Moulting Fowls.—We are accustomed to see the poultry left to its own unhappiness during the moulting season, and the "masterly inactivity" moulting season, and the "masterly inactivity" with which the fanciers permit the birds to look after themselves is almost epidemic. The moulting season is really the most trying to fowls, and if nature can be assisted in changing the feathers a real benefit will be done. The blood is during the moulting period heavily drawn from the materials that compose the feathers, and although bids may at the outset be strong and healthy, the drain upon their system is so great that they are weakened and their system is so great that they are weakened and debilitated, and their laying proclivities are entirely shandoned. If we are able to give as food elements which will quickly replace the exhausted constituents of the blood, we obviously assist in the stituents of the blood, we obviously assist in the transformation. We have found that fowls supplied with refuse, and powdered scorched oyster shells moult quick and do not lose their strength and vivacity to any perceptible degree. If their drinking water is supplied with rusty iron, all the better, and one drink of milk each day is of great value.

To Beginners in Stock-Raising.—Dr. G. Sprague in the Western Farmer, gives the following sensible in the Western Farmer, gives the following sensible advice to young men about to commence breeding stock with a view of making a permanent one:

1. In buying improved cattle, hogs, or other stock, the two leading requisites are, a good animal with a good pedigree. Be sure you have the former, but without the latter buy low. 2. If your intention is to breed reputable animals for sale as breaders, and to stand before the public as a breeder of thoroughbreds, take counsel carefully, and be sure that you get an animal having merit, and a respectable pedigree with it. Pay for both and be sure you get both. 3. Always aim to keep a bull of higher breeding than your females but make sure of individual merit in the animal. but make sure of individual merit in the animal. 4. Be cautious about buying animals, young or old, that have been, fed high on corn or meal. There is great danger of suspending the breeding capacity, and shortening the period of usefulness by such feeding. Ground oats, shorts, bran, oil cake, roots, grass and hay are safe to use, and a sixth to a tenth part of corn meal may be used with these. Feed so combined may be given freely to breeding cows and to your heifers and bulls, with entire safety.

EDUCATING Horses.—Horses can be educated to the extent of their understanding as well as children, and can be easily damaged or ruined by bad management. We believe that the great difference found in horses as to vicious habits and reliability comes more from the different management of men than from variance of natural disposition found in the animals. Horses with high mettle are more easily educated than those of less or dull spirit, and are more susceptible of ill-training, and consequently may be good or bad according to the education they receive. Horses with dull spirits are not by any means proof against bad management, for in them may often be found the most provoking obstinacy or vicious habits of different characters that renders them almost entirely worthless. Could the coming generation of horses in this country be kept from their days of colthood to the age of five years in the hands of good careful managers, there would be seen a vast difference in the general character of the noble animals. If a colt is never allowed to get an advantage, it will never know that it pos a power that man cennot control; and if made familiar with strange objects, it will not be skittish and nervous. If a horse is made accustomed from his early days to have objects hit him on the heels, back, and hips, he will pay no attention to the giv-ing out of a harness or of a wagon running against him at an unexpected moment. We once saw an aged lady drive a high-spirited horse attached to a carriage down a steep hill, with no hold-back straps upon her harness, and she assured us that there was no danger, for her son accustomed his horses to all kinds of usages and sights than commonly drive the animal into a frenzy of fear and excitement. A gun can be fired from the back of a horse, an umbrella held over his head, a buffalo robe thrown over his neck, a railway engine pass close by, his heels bumped with sticks, and the animal take it all as a natural condition of things, if only taught by careful management that he will not be injured thereby. There is great need of improvement in the management of this noble animal; less beating wanted and more education;

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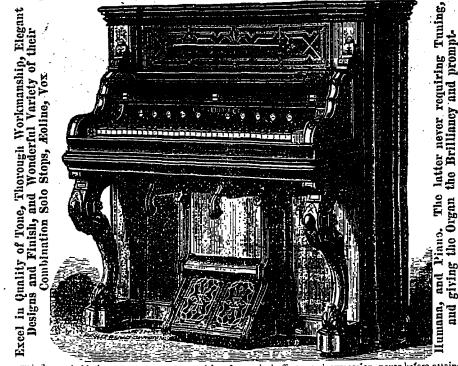
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