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### AN OVERFEED OF GRAIN

Someone left the oat bin door open, the horses were loose, and we all know the rest. The thing to do if the accident has been detected an hour or so after the grain has been eaten is to get a veterinarian as soon as possible and pump as much out of the stomach by the aid of a stomach tube as possible. Then administer a purgative and anti-ferments. It sometimes happens that expert help is not available. If such is the case, then the matured horses should receive from one and one-half to two quarts of raw linseed oil, and two ounces of turpentine. Many neglect a horse that has over-eaten until the symptoms of colic appear and then call a veterinarian, who may have difficulty in saving the horse.

The same precautions should be taken when a cow has accidentally eaten a part of a stack of oats, wheat or corn. From one to three pounds of Epsom salts given to a cow immediately after such a large feed may save the cow's life and also prevent her being foundered. The thing to remember is to do something for the cow immediately after the accident has been discovered.

### REFUGE FOR WILD GEESSE

That wild geese are shrewd enough to know friend from foe, and that, if you "throw a handful of feed at them instead of a thimbleful of shot," they will lose their fear of man and make their home within a stone's throw of human habitations, has been clearly demonstrated by the experiments of Mr. John T. Miner, of Kingsville, Essex county, Ontario.

The history of the growth of the flock furnishes an interesting example of what can be done to tame wild birds. In 1904 Mr. Miner obtained seven wild geese, clipped their wings and placed them on his pond as decoys, but wild geese were so scarce that it was four years before any others joined them. In the spring of 1908 eleven came, the following year 32, and in 1910 as many as 350. Since that time they have been too numerous to give any exact estimate, but probably about 1,000 may be found on the premises at a time. Since 1911 no shooting whatever has been indulged in within the reserve. By moving the feed by degrees the geese have been coaxed to come right up to the house.

Wild ducks also frequent the pond, and some of these have been identified by aluminum bands, bearing Mr. Miner's address. By means of these he has established the fact that they return to his place every spring, or, if they fail to return, he has been able to learn what has happened to them. One was shot as far away as Paris, Kentucky. Those that return nest in the neighborhood and bring up their young before again migrating.

Mr. Miner's experiments are a striking illustration of how easy it would be to conserve the migrating bird life of this continent if only refuges were provided, where the birds could remain for a short time unmolested, during their seasonal flights to their breeding grounds and back again.—Conservation.

### TEACHING THE CALF TO DRINK

1. Don't slap him over the jaw if he bites your finger.
2. Don't try to starve him into submission.
3. Don't back him into a corner if you can help it.
4. Don't bale him between your legs.
5. Don't try to drown him in the milk bucket.
6. Don't say anything if he butts, and knocks over the milk; or jamba your fingers. Have patience with the youngster; and get some more milk.
7. It is quite natural for the calf to butt, and to turn his mouth upwards. He is only following his natural instincts. You must have patience or let someone else do the job. Give him your fingers for the first few times and pour a little warm milk into his mouth, then gradually turn his nose down to the bucket.
8. Don't get angry. Remember he is very hungry, and in his helplessness does not know how to satisfy his natural wants. You took him away from his mother and must give him a fair deal.

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