

Of crust, sole, bars and frog.

What is the crust?

It is the external part which covers the more sensible parts of the foot, and to which the shoe is immediately attached.

What is the sole?

That inferior portion of the foot, which, together with the bars and frog, comes in direct contact with the ground.

What are the bars?

They are those horny inflections of the heels proceeding from the sides of the frog towards the crust, the uses of which are to keep the heels expanded.

What is the frog?

The frog is that horny wedge-like substance in the centre and base of the foot, its use is to keep the horse from slipping, and act by its elasticity as a spring to the animal.

How often should a horse's shoes be removed?

Once a month at least.

What is to be observed in the removing of shoes?

One shoe only ought to be removed at a time, which is not to be forcibly torn off, but the clenches must be first perfectly raised, and then the nails drawn, so that the crust may not be injured or portions of nails left within the hoof.

Explain the manner in which the foot is to be prepared to receive the shoe?

The sole is to be pared thoroughly until it springs by the pressure of the hand, the bars to be left sufficiently prominent, the crust to be rasped so as to present an equal surface for the application of the shoe. The frog should never be cut away further than may be necessary to keep it on a level with the inflections of the heels. As a general rule, the heels of the crust are not to exceed from an inch and a half to two inches in height.

How ought the shoe to be placed upon the foot?

The heels of the shoe are to lie flat upon the junctions of the bars, the sole between the bars and quarters being so pared off that no pressure can take place from the heel of the shoe; this point must be particularly attended to, as from neglecting it arise corns and other serious inconveniences. Sufficient space to be left for the pricker to pass between the sole and the shoe, which is to be fastened with eight nails as