

common aloes given to a horse without the least effect, when six drachms of good has given him a complete clearing out.

The next day give a mash of oats and bran on which scalding water has been poured the night before; then feed as before. To make sure work it is well after six days to give another Ball, mashing as at first. This will clear out any that may remain; and if any doubt remains, a third ball may be given six days from taking the second ball. I must say I never found it necessary, but others can do as they choose. I have known the first ball bring away as many as one and even two quarts of full-grown Botts. A farmer in King once told me that a horse of his evacuated a gallon measure full. At any rate, the calomel will kill and the aloes will bring away as many as there are there.

I would caution all Farmers, as soon as the first symptoms appear, not to trifle with it, but give one ball at least, when it will tell its own tale; if it is caused by Botts, you will see them, and if not, your horse may be benefitted and cannot be injured by the taking of it. Above all things, avoid giving whiskey, pepper, train-oil, or any other of the useless abominations generally resorted to.

I am, Sir,

Your's sincerely,

Woodbridge, Vaughan.

JAMES ASHDOWN.

WELSH WEDDINGS.—The practice of "making a bidding" and sending "bidding letters," of which the following is a specimen, is so general in most parts of Wales, that printers usually keep the form in type, and make alteration in it as occasion requires. The custom is confined to servants and mechanics in towns; but in the country, farmers of the humbler sort make biddings. Of late years tea parties have in Carmarthen been substituted for the bidding; but persons attending pay for what they get, and so incur no obligation; but givers at bidding are expected and generally do return "all gifts of the above nature whenever called for on a similar occasion." When a bidding is made, it is usual for a large procession to accompany the young couple to church, and thence to the house where the bidding is held. Accompanying is considered an addition to the obligation conferred by the gift. I have seen, I dare say, six hundred in a wedding procession, and have been in one or two myself (when a child.) The men walk together and the women together to church; but in returning they walk in pairs, or often in trios, one man between two women. The last time I was at such a wedding I had two strapping wenches attached to my person. In the country they ride, and generally there is a desperate race home to the bidding, where you would be surprised to see a comely lass, with Welsh hat on head and ordinary dress, often take the lead of fifty or a hundred smart fellows over rough roads that would shake your Astley riders out of their seats and propriety.

CARMARTHEN, October 2, 1850.

"As we intend to enter the Matrimonial State on Tuesday, the 22d of October instant, we are encouraged by our Friends to make a Bidding on the occasion the same day, at the New Market House, near the Market Place; when and where the favor of your good and agreeable company is respectfully solicited, and whatever donation you may be pleased to confer on us then, will be thankfully received, warmly acknowledged, and cheerfully repaid whenever called for on a similar occasion.

By your most obedient servants,

HENRY JONES, (Shoemaker,)

ELIZA DAVIES.

The Young Man, his Father, (John Jones, Shoemaker,) his Sister (Mary Jones,) his Grandmother (Nurse Jones,) his Uncle and Aunt (George Jones, Painter, and Mary, his wife,) and his Aunt (Elizabeth Rees,) desire that all gifts due to them be returned to the Young Man on the above day, and will be thankful for all additional favors.

The Young Woman, her Father and Mother (Evan Davies, Pig-drover, and Margaret, his wife,) and her Brother and Sister (John, Hannah Jane and Annie Davies,) desire that all gifts of the above nature due to them be returned to the Young Woman on the above day, and will be thankful for all additional favors conferred."—*Notes and Queries.*