

You will find the colt will back readily. This is much easier than punishing the poor colt's mouth, and you can learn it to back in fifteen minutes, for if a colt will make one step back he will make ten, and if he will make ten he will make forty.

HANDLING THE FEET.

Take a common halter-stalk or a piece of old line about six or eight feet long, make a loop on one end of about six inches, place a blindfold on the horse and take the strap in your right hand and pass it through between the front legs, catch it with the left hand and pass the end of the strap through the loop, let it drop below the fetlock, hold the halter-stall with left hand, pull with the right hand on the strap around the fetlock pull straight out and hold till the horse stops moving his foot. Then gently catch the line with the right hand, make a loop of the strap over the arm and around the foot, and draw the foot up close to the arm, now pass the strap from the outside of the arm to the inside of the foot. Draw up tight and fasten with a half hitch. Reach to the hind leg and gently caress the muscle above the hock. Reach over and catch the horse with your right hand on the withers and pull him towards you, this will prove to the horse he must stand on the opposite leg and not depend on the leg strapped up. You can then untie the strap and gently caress the leg and let it down gently, then take the strap in the left hand, place it around the hind leg, about six inches above the gamble, draw it well around, so that the loop comes on the inside of the leg, gently tighten the strap, always being careful to turn forward, this will paralyze the leg, when the horse rests on his toe, you can unslacken the strap, letting it drop half-way between the gamble and fetlocks, then take a position opposite the horse's hind legs, holding the halter-stall in your left hand, pull the