

this manner for a few times, then before he knows what is the matter bring the bag over his head, and tuck each end under the halter; he will now stand braced out and there will be no danger of his kicking. Next take a rope about 20 feet long, double it, and place your left hand on the loop end and tie a half hitch about the length of your arms from the loop end, thus forming a large loop, take the loop end in your right hand, and the halter stall in the left, and gently let the top drop over the colt's hips, let it drop till it strikes gambrel; now take the other ends of the rope and pass them through the halter, one on each side of the stall ring and tie your colt to a post or fence, he will pull back for a while, but will soon quit, while in this manner you can handle him with the pole, and make him gentle. When he stands perfectly quiet you can remove the blind from his eye and go over him again with the pole till he will let you caress him nicely. Then you can untie him, and, if he refuses to lead, pull straight ahead, and with the assistance of the loop he will readily lead; this is the best way to teach a colt to lead. Never put a rope in his mouth under any circumstances.

Now that your colt is broke to lead the next thing is to make him know what a bit is. To do this place a straight bit in his mouth, at the same time take a strap about ten inches long, and strap the mouth shut, be sure to have the tongue under the bit, and leave it in this way till he stops fighting with the bit. You can now commence to make him accustomed to the things in which he has to work. The best thing ever found to gentle the colt and make him ready for hitching, both single and double, is my horse controller, which consists of two poles about 8 feet long, and a cross-bar of forty inches (for a cross-bar you can use a two by four, or a four by six), bore a hole three inches from each end of the cross-bar, and also bore a hole in each of the poles, four inches from the large end, flatten the upper side of the poles where the cross-bar will rest, and drive two pins through bar and pole, thus