

on to the barn floor. This should be done as quickly as possible, so as not to excite any suspicion. The best way to do this is to lead a gentle horse into the barn first and hitch him then quickly walk round the colt, or colts, as may be, and gently drive them in the direction of the door; seeing the horse in the barn, they go in without further trouble. The next step is to remove the quiet horse, and shut the door. This is the colt's first idea of confinement, hardly knowing how he got into such a place, nor how to get out of it; so he must take it as quietly as possible. See that everything is so arranged that he cannot jump over, or crawl under; also, a clean floor.

Everything is now properly arranged for the colt to receive his first lesson. And how is it to be accomplished. Some individual, unacquainted with a correct system of handling wild and vicious horses, would say the plan we adopt by which to halter and lead quietly wild horses, would so frighten them it would prove a failure. But quite the reverse. Prepare yourself with a good spring-top whip, with long switch. Step into the barn, close the door. All is now safe. You are alone with the colt, nothing to attract his attention but yourself. Stand quietly for a few moments, and he will eye you closely; then take your whip in right hand; give it a sharp crack; at the same time approach the colt so the distance from him is the length of the whip, and give him some sharp cuts around the hind legs, and under the flanks: never strike him forward of his quarters. After applying your whip in