

An hour later Frank came up the road afoot.

"Where, oh, where is Jet?" cried Elsie in alarm, for well she knew Frank's hasty, intolerant temper.

"Down in the field. I wanted to unhitch him, but the vicious thing will not let me get near him. You see it was this way. I wanted to cross the stream and he began to cut up without any provocation, and I, w before I knew it I struck him."

Frank's face reddened as he saw the reproach in Elsie's eyes. "He is always afraid crossing water. With a little patience it would have gone all right. I know though, just how you felt. I have often felt that way, but I think it best to try to control myself before assuming control of an animal. Well, never mind, I'll go down with you, and I am going to take him to town if I possibly can. It will never do to give in to him now," was Elsie's decision.

Jet, standing near a big stump, snorted angrily as he caught sight of Frank, but his whole mien changed as if by magic when he spied Elsie. He whinnied entreatingly, and when she reached his side he rubbed his head affectionately against her. Without appearing to notice that anything was the matter, Elsie went up to the horse, took his quivering head in her hands and talked to him, gently rubbing his head, or patting his nose, until he forgot about his bad temper and allowed Frank to do with him what he liked.

She has now used him over a year, and his balkiness has grown to be a thing of the past.

"That whipping did him some good," Frank often asserts. "It did not make him go, but it showed him the difference between my treatment and yours. Ever since he has known enough to appreciate you, and not attempt his tricks in your presence."

"He taught you a lesson also," Elsie retorts. "I have often noticed you striving to curb that unruly temper of yours."

"You are right, Elsie. Those words of yours about learning to control one's self hit me badly. That lesson alone was worth the price of your horse."

"It was worth more than seventy-five dollars, then, for I refused that for him last week," answered Elsie.—*A. M. Dolinger, in Pets and Animals.*

Not the Only One of the Kind.

"There, sir," said the professional ratcatcher, "I've cleared your premises of the varmints, and I take 'em all away with me. You don't have no bother lookin' after dead rats. The bill is \$3.75."

"Don't I get anything for the rats?" inquired Mr. Tyte-Phist, indignantly.—*Chicago Tribune.*

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SCOURS IN FEEDING STEERS.

Prof. W. A. Henry, author of "Feeds and Feeding," replies to a correspondent of the *Breeders' Gazette* who states that he is feeding over 300 head of two-year-old steers, which weighed last month about 1,000 lbs. each. When put in the feed-yard they were allowed eight pounds of corn and cob meal with hay and corn fodder for roughage. They are now getting twelve pounds of corn and cob meal daily. Several of the steers are scouring. The cattle have free access to salt and water.

Prof. Henry says: "Scouring may be due to the animals' catching cold, to too much exercise, or to the food being unsatisfactory in some particular. Doubtless it is the last in this case. Twelve pounds of corn and cob meal does not seem a heavy ration, but if the animals do not handle this amount properly, some change should be made. Whenever scouring appears, cut down the grain allowance at once, in order that the digestive tract may have rest. Oats are excellent for checking scouring; supply these to the animals affected if possible. Bran may be used if oats cannot be obtained.

"Not infrequently in a bunch of cattle there are a few animals which cannot stand as heavy feeding as the remainder. Separate these from the rest and feed by themselves; this is far better than to cut down the ration for the larger number. Many cattle are fattened on just such material as our correspondent is supplying, with at least fairly satisfactory results. It would

be better if two or three pounds of bran or oats could be given daily to each animal, cutting down the allowance of corn and cob meal by so much. A mixture of corn and oats or corn and bran, even though the second substance is not in large amount, makes the grain allowance, as a whole, much safer, keeps up the appetite, and ends in heavier gains.

"Scouring is the bane of cattle feeding. Some feeders have little trouble in this direction, while others lose heavily because of it year after year. The experienced feeders generally detect the coming of trouble and avoid it before anything serious follows; novices and poor feeders have more or less scouring with their cattle all the time, or have it at intervals, and when this occurs the profits are seriously impaired. It shows experience and skill to carry a bunch of cattle clear through the feeding season without any setbacks from scouring, but many feeders in the West accomplish this result."

Dominion Shorthorn Breeders.

Henry Wade, Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, sends us the following notice:

The 14th annual meeting of the above association for the report of business done, the election of officers and transaction of new business, will be held at Shaftesbury Hall, 26 Queen street west, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 7th, at 11 a.m.

Ask for standard certificate at your station to attend Live Stock Convention before leaving, to entitle you to reduced fare home.

Poultrymen to Wait on the Government.

At a meeting of poultrymen held at Peterborough during the Ontario Poultry Show the following resolution, moved by Wm. Collins, Peterborough, seconded by R. C. Allan, Cobourg, was carried by a good majority:

"That in the opinion of the breeders of poultry, assembled at Peterborough on the occasion of the twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association, it would be advisable to appoint delegates to ask the Government of the Province of Ontario for grants to the local associations, not more than one to each county."

The local association at Peterborough took an active part in calling this meeting and has undertaken to notify all the local poultry associations in the province asking them to appoint one or more delegates to act on a deputation to wait upon the Government at the next session of the Legislature and present the above resolution.

"That grass-widow didn't catch your country cousin with her wile?" "No, indeed. Cousin Joe says he isn't going to get fooled the second time with green goods."—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*