

## BOTTS IN HORSES.

*To the Editor of the Agriculturist.*

Sir,—As the subject of Botts is one but little understood by Farmers, in general, the following observations, taken from Taplin's "Modern System of Farriery," may not be out of place. I know, from personal experience, that mercurial preparations are the only ones to be depended upon, having myself given the Balls and prescribed them repeatedly to Farmers, during the last seventeen years, with great success.

That Botts will destroy the stomach is too plain a fact for any reasonable man to deny. The first symptoms are a "perpetual anxiety for a constant supply of either food or water, but in the midst of all he never looks well. After being some time a prey to them he gets low in flesh, hard in his hide, his coat stares, he always seems dejected, sweats upon trifling exercise, and that sweat perceptibly unhealthy; but when the Botts are strong in number, and come to maturity, the great irritability of the stomach occasions the most excruciating pain. The Horse is not only distressed, as above stated, but is subject to violent periodical pains approaching to convulsions; he displays all the EXTERNAL symptoms of *gripes, spasm in the stomach, stranguary*; he lies down, rises suddenly, looks round at his flanks, which he endeavours to strike with his hind feet, shewing by his actions, as plain as a horse can, where his pain is; but where the evacuations of stool and urine are not suppressed, no doubt can arise as to the cause of it. Before the following Balls are given, let the Horse have a mash of scalded bran and oats, or bran only, morning, noon, and night, the day before you give them; on the following morning give one of the balls, according to the age and strength of the Horse.

## Ball No. 1.

Best Aloes . . . 1 ounce.  
Ginger . . . 2 scruples.  
Calomel . . . 1½ drachm.  
Soap or Syrup sufficient to form  
the ball.

## Ball No. 2.

Aloes . . . 10 drachms.  
Ginger . . . 2 "  
Calomel . . . 2 "  
Soap or Syrup as before.

## Ball No. 3.

Aloes . . . 10 drachms.  
Ginger . . . 2 "  
Calomel . . . 2½ "  
Soap, &c.

## Ball No. 4.

Aloes . . . 10 drachms.  
Ginger . . . 2 "  
Calomel . . . 3 "  
Soap, &c.

No. 1 is intended for a young horse of delicate make.

No. 2, where the horse is arrived at full age, or shows greater strength of body.

No. 3, for a stout team horse.

No. 4, for a strong, powerful horse.

Too much caution cannot be used in getting the drugs *good*. I regret to say it is too much the practice with many farmers to purchase so-called cheap articles; it is only for a horse, and they seem to think any rubbish will do. Go to a respectable druggist, and tell him you want the best. I have repeatedly known an ounce of