

watering, etc., should be done in an orderly, uniform manner under direction of an officer or n.c.o. whose authority shall be absolute in preventing the useless hurrying and crowding so often indulged in. As a last admonition in this paragraph, do not permit men to take horses for "joy rides" after parade, in the evening, or on Sundays, even though nominally owned by such men. They should be given to understand that in Camp the animals for the time being are the property of the Government. In so far as drivers are concerned, a good plan for their schooling or education in riding and driving is to have the Sergt.-Instructor, who is usually sent to Battalion headquarters for a couple of weeks previous to Camp, give instructions in this branch as well as in gunnery. Glancing over the reports of competitions for several years it will be noted that the greatest deficiency appears in riding and driving. More points are lost on account of such incompetence than any other individual cause; guns being put out of action through stupidity or ignorance, and one certainly is not moved to ecstasy witnessing a lot of men mounted on horses, their hands on a level with the horses' ears, bobbing up and down like sacks of meal with nothing but the grace of Providence and their own jack spurs holding them on.

#### VETERINARY LECTURES.

A portion of the syllabus of Training Camps which often is overlooked or totally disregarded is that of lectures by the V.O. This subject need not here be dealt with in detail as it is a matter for the V.O. of each battery or brigade to choose his own plan of work by which the best results may be accomplished.

As a suggestion, a very good course to follow and one which from experience has been found to work out best, is to assemble for an hour after afternoon parade, or in the evening, all n.c.o.'s, drivers, stable pickets, etc., whose duties bring them in close touch with the horses. Choose a comfortable spot where the men may sit around on the ground, having the lectures divided into a series covering the entire work at Camp, as well as simple instruction in Veterinary Science useful to the men, not only as militiamen but as civilians, those lectures largely to include first aid principles.

Choose a horse from the lines with which to demonstrate the rudiments of Anatomy and Physiology, Practice of Medicine, bandaging, control, etc., using language free from all technical terms. If carried out in this manner the lectures will prove of great benefit to officers as well as men, once their interest is established, provided the lectures are more in the form of friendly discussions or debates rather than dry discourses. Let there be questions asked and answered, in fact encourage such, even if they seem simple, and it will be found that the good results will far exceed expectations, though for a day or two some may seem skep-