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## *Barbarous Treatment of Horses.*

EDITOR STAR:

I want to say a few words to the people through the columns of your much read little paper, on the subject of the above caption.

During the long, hot, sultry, days of mid-summer we often commiserate the overworked plowman, whose throbbing arteries and aching head, but too plainly show how nearly he ventures to sunstroke. But do we, or does even he, pity the poor brutes who pull his heavy plow, through sod, roots and bog, up hill and down, until he becomes exhausted from following; though he had the full benefit of the plow handles to help him along. He is at work with a full stomach and has a cool drink, if he pleases every round. How fares his team? Their bare bones and scars too often brand their master as a heartless Tyrant.

Suppose that over work, semi starvation, unwholesome food, bad shelter, or all combined; begin to produce their legitimate results, as emaciation, debility, rheumatism, lung fever, etc., what is the universal remedy employed? Bleeding. Go to any of those human brutes called "Horse Doctors" and tell him your animal is a little 'out of fix;' he will first leer up at you, ask a few pointed questions not relevant to the case, then draws down his 'mug' squirts his juice, look scientifically grave and delivers himself of a weighty opinion. "If he is lame and stiff, the best thing in the world for him is to bleed. If he has Bots, bleed him. If he staggers and falls in the harness, bleed him. If he is over worked and dont eat, bleed him. If the legs swell, bleed him. Bleed him any way, his blood is too thick and dont circulate." This bleeding business is usually

varied by heavy doses of black antimony and salts, stuffed into the poor creatures by two legged animals who have as a general thing, less sense than the noble beast they torture. Does not every reader of your paper know the above facts in the treatment of horses to be true? Now if they will remember that the same principles which in this age of reason, prevents all well educated and well posted physicians from bleeding mankind under any circumstances—should prevent that barbarity from being farther practised upon horses. Every argument formerly used in favor of bleeding, when examined in the light of modern science, becomes an argument against it. It can never do good, and it never fails to do harm. Then away with bleeding; away with dosing; away with whiskey drinking, tobacco-chewing, blasphemous brutal, horse Doctors whose "ignorant knowledge" of pernicious drugs, has done more harm in the killing of one useful brute than the lives of fifty such pests would make up in an eternity of time.

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