

DIRECTIONS FOR TEACHING A HORSE TO ARCH HIS NECK.

Ten Little Toes-A Mean Thing to Do. How to Give a Horse a Soft Mouth. "Patroclus"-The Croupade-A Five-Mile Gate.

A writer in Harper's Young People has been giving some clever lessons in horsemanship riding. In a late one he tells the boys how to "form" a horse's mouth so that it will always respond lightly and easily to the rider's touch. A girl can do it just as well as a boy. A horse, he says, should never be hard-mouthed. It is a vicious habit. But he bids the young people remember, at the same time, that "unless your seat is so firm that your hands are light you can never give a horse a soft mouth."

The writer takes an imaginary horse called "Don" and begins his directions by saying: "Suppose now you stand at Don's near shoulder, and taking hold of the curb reins at the withers, give a steady, gentle pull. Don may attempt to back, but you must check this inclination with the voice. The pressure of the curb chain will soon make him bring down his head, open his mouth, and arch his neck. As soon as he does this, put a curb rein in, and in a second or two release the rein and let him have his head a moment to rest. Try the same thing again and again, very gradually keeping the neck arched a bit longer each time, but never so long as to tempt him to resist, which he will do by pulling on the bit, or throwing up his head, or backing.



"PATROCLUS." So long as he champs the bit and seems comfortable, keep on at this drill for, say, about half an hour a day. In a week or two you will find that Don will arch his neck at the slightest indication of the bit, and keep it arched for a long time without fatigue. When he does this easily, try the same thing for a few days mounted and standing. And later still go through the exercise for a week or two while Don is walking. Never try to force his mouth; coax him with hand and voice, and never keep him at it so long as to tire him so that he will hang on the curb, for this will surely spoil his mouth.

After some weeks you will find that Don will keep his neck arched, his mouth open, and a light hold of the bits at any gait. This is what we call "in hand." At first you had better alternate between keeping him "in hand" and letting him carry his head his own way, so as not to weary him too much. And if your hands are light, and you do not jerk or worry him, you will be surprised to see what a soft mouth Don is acquiring. The same thing can now be accomplished with the snaffle-bit, but in lieu of a steady pull you may have to give little gentle jerks on the rein till Don opens his mouth and arches his neck.



THE CROUPADE. The first picture shows Patroclus, the writer's favorite old saddle horse, "ambling along at a five-mile gait." A good fast walk is the best gait for a long ride. In the picture you see the proper position of both horse and rider.

In the second illustration a horse is being put through a fancy step called "the croupade," a sort of horse polka, perhaps. In the croupade the intelligent animal gives a spring, at the same time drawing his feet up in the manner shown. A horse, in his way, has as much sense as a man, and can be taught many wonderful things. Talk to your horses as you would to people, and in a little while, with practice, they will understand you well. Always be kind and patient with them, and you will be astonished to find how much they know.

One thing more. Don't cut off a horse's fine flowing tail in the hideous style shown in the picture. It is an English fashion, as cruel as it is ugly. Nothing is more unpleasant to look at than that horrible stump sticking out there.

A Mean Thing to Do. About the meanest thing that boys and girls can do is to make fun of their sisters when they have company. I don't want to see any of such work done. When I see boys and girls going about the house slaming doors, shouting and saying things that will make sister feel uncomfortable I seem to lose my eyesight and see nothing but a lot of young bears who are doing their best to worry and plague those who love them. I like a brute bear far better than I like a human bear. The brute knows no better than to be selfish and cruel. It pays to be ladylike and gentlemanly. We can't possibly begin too early in life to make ladies and gentlemen out of ourselves.—Uncle Mark.

TEN LITTLE TOES. Baby is clad in his nightgown white, Puss-cat purrs a soft goodnight. And somebody tells, for somebody knows, The terrible tale of ten little toes.

THE POND. This little book a small boy, Sam, Into the cupboard after the jam; This little toe said, "Oh, no, no!" This little toe was anxious to go; This little toe said, "Tisn't quite right, This little toe curled out of sight."

LEFT FOOT. This little toe got suddenly smothered; This little toe got rusefully rubbed; This little frightened toe cried out, "Bears!" This little timid toe, "Run up stairs!" Down came a far with a loud slam, slam! This little toe got all the jam.

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Ayes—Brennan P. Oak, Burkhard, Carlin, Doyle, Dresser, Dywer, Eads, Farnsworth, Fischer, Gallagher, Gunn, Griffin, Hickok, Hillenbrand, Hollecker, Madden, Matheiser, McLaughlin, Nicholson, Roe, Stevenson, Chairman—31.

Noes—Anderson, Bowen, Butterfield, Dinsmore, Dunaway, Ford, Gibbs, G. and C. Green, Jennings, Lauber, L. and N. Norton, O'Loughlin, Phillips, Rowe—lawyer, Spencer, Thompson, Wilson—21.

The following resolution offered by Supervisor Fischer was adopted: Resolved, That the sheriff is hereby instructed that in the future he shall contract for boarding jurors for a price not to exceed one dollar per day for boarding and lodging, or 25 cents per meal.

Supervisor Gunn, chairman committee on stationery claims, submitted the following report, which was adopted: Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on stationery claims would respectfully report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit: Brown, Pettibone & Kelly, stay, \$409 41

Cullen & Sapp, printing, 9 00 A. J. Redlich, printing, 11 00 G. H. Adamick, stationery, 3 75 W. L. Seely and T. N. Haskins, list of causes, etc., two vols. Bradwell's Reports, 7 00 Ill. Printing Co., stationery, 41 00 Free Trader, stationery, 123 15 John Morris Co., stationery, 38 08 Stephen Arnold, stamps, 3 50 Hapeman & Graham, stationery, 135 15 Meek Bros., stationery, 15 75 Patterson & Hanna, binding, 10 00 J. W. Turner, stationery, 10 00 J. F. Kendig, printing, 73 00 E. B. Myers & Co., books for probate court, 23 75

\$1041 94 All of which is respectfully submitted. HENRY GUNN, Chair n.

The following resolution offered by Supervisor Stevenson was adopted: Resolved, That the county clerk is hereby authorized to cause to be extended upon the tax books of La Salle county annually according to law, after the issue of the bonds provided for by the resolution adopted by the county Board at its present session, a tax, in addition to all other taxes of the county, sufficient to pay the interest on the indebtedness evidenced by such bonds, as it falls due; and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof according to such terms as may be in such bonds.

Supervisor Norton, chairman committee to settle with county officers, submitted the following report, which was adopted: Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county officers would respectfully report that they have examined the report, expense bill and to some extent the accounts covering the time therein reported of W. W. Taylor, circuit clerk, and believing the same to be in form as required by law, true and correct as to matters therein contained, and that the voucher from the treasurer for amount due county is attached and made a part of this report. We would most respectfully recommend the approval of the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WARREN H. NORTON, Ch'n. HENRY GUNN, BASIL GREEN, FRED W. EADES.

Mr. Chairman, de—The undersigned would respectfully submit the following report of earnings and receipts in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the six months ending December 1, 1886, itemized statement of which appears of record in said office:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total fees earned, \$2 076 95. Fees earned previously reported, 1 063 50. Total fees collected, civil, 1 063 50. Total fees collected, civil and criminal, 982 20. Total fees uncol'd, civil, 485 90. Total fees, civil, 596 85. Total fees rec'd, civil, 1 805 10. Total fees, civil, 249 60. Salaries, six months, 900 00. Deputies, six months, 890 00. Expense acct. (Ex. A & B), 51 77. Amount due county, 203 98.

\$203 98 TREASURER'S OFFICE, La Salle County, J. Ottawa, Dec. 11, 1886. Received of W. W. Taylor, circuit clerk, Two hundred and three, 93 100 Dollars. A. M. HOFFMAN, Treas'r.

On motion of Supervisor McLaughlin the clerk was authorized to draw his orders on the treasurer in favor of the several supervisors for the sums of \$150 each for posting notices of November election.

Supervisor Hickok, chairman committee on miscellaneous claims, made a verbal report for said committee, recommending the allowance of claims of Jerry Maher, constable fees, \$4.50; Fred W. Eads, cash paid for three floors for register and election in town of Bruce, \$30.00. Report adopted.

Supervisor Gunn moved that the committee on public buildings and the chairman of the Board be authorized and directed to insure the county asylum for an amount not to exceed \$20,000, and that the clerk be authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for the cost of such insurance. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Bowen, Bubeck, Burkart, Dinsmore, Doyle, Dresser, Dywer, Farnsworth, Ford, Gallagher, Gibbs, Green, Gunn, Griffin, Hickok, Hillenbrand, Hollecker, Jennings, Lauber, Lukins, Madden, Maierhofer, McLaughlin, Norton, O'Loughlin, Phillips, Reed, Stevenson, Thompson—30.

Noes—Anderson, Butterfield, Carlin, Dunaway, Eades, Fischer, Grandstein, Nicholson, Rowe, Spencer, Wilson, Mr. Chairman—12.

On motion of Supervisor McLaughlin the Board was fixed on third Monday in March, 1887.

On motion of Supervisor Fischer the clerk was directed to publish the proceedings of the Board in the usual manner.

On motion of Supervisor Green the clerk was authorized to draw orders on the treasurer in favor of the several supervisors for their per diem and mileage in attending this term of the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Fischer the Board adjourned until the third Monday in March next.

Emblem of Good Luck. The latest emblem of good luck in Paris is the African gri-grí, copied from the "fetich" brought over by the black Prince Karamoko, who has lately been one of the lions of the French capital. The gri-grí is a tiny insect of very ancient days, imprisoned in amber, and imitations are mounted in different articles of jewelry for the Parisian belle to wear as charms.—Frank Leslie's.

for past years, your committee feel that while a portion of the same might be lawfully refunded, yet the claim is not in shape to enable your committee to determine what amount, if any, should be returned. We therefore recommended that the petitioner be allowed to withdraw, without prejudice, his claim for refundment, with the privilege, if he desires, of making the same more definite and specific. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. STEVENSON, Chairman. Supervisor Norton, chairman committee to settle with county officers, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county officers would respectfully report that pursuant to instructions of this Board, adopted at the last September session, ask to present the following report of progress made in investigating the books and accounts in the office of probate clerk:

The committee have devoted as much time as possible to the investigation and find a shortage in the accounts of Probate Clerk Bartels to the probable amount of eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars, in addition to the amount reported by the committee at the September meeting of the Board. We think about three-fourths of the Board in this office has been done, and the work still to be done prevents a complete report at this time. The method of examination found necessary has compelled the committee to take more time in this work than was expected when they began to overhaul the books.

W. H. NORTON, Chairman, W. H. DWYER, HENRY GUNN, BASIL GREEN, FRED W. EADES.

Supervisor Norton also submitted the following report, which was adopted: Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county officers would respectfully report that, after having made further examination of the books of P. W. Stocksleger, former county clerk, are still satisfied that his accounts should be investigated, as recommended by this committee at the September meeting. The committee, in such examination as they could make in one day on Mr. Stocksleger's books, found a shortage of about \$174.43, and we went over but a small part of his accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. H. NORTON, Chair n., W. H. DWYER, HENRY GUNN, BASIL GREEN, FRED W. EADES.

On motion of Supervisor Fischer the committee to settle with county officers were instructed to continue the investigation of the various county officers:

The following report of T. C. Gibson, county agent, was read and ordered placed upon the records of the Board:

Mr. Chairman, de—As to the number and sex of inmates in county asylum at this date, would respectfully report:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Number. Whole number inmates, 102. Males, 67. Females, 35. Number under 18 years of age, 4. Number under 18 years of age attending school, 2.

Respectfully submitted. T. C. GIBSON, Co. Agt.

On motion of Supervisor Sawyer Board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, Dec. 11, 1886. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same as yesterday.

The record of yesterday's session was read and approved. Supervisor Fischer, chairman committee on fees and salaries, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on fees and salaries would respectfully recommend that M. T. Moloney be retained as county attorney at the same salary (\$600 per year) as he has formerly received.

C. FISCHER, Chairman Committee. Supervisor Fischer also submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on fees and salaries would respectfully report that they have examined the matter of junior and night watch in fixing salary presented before them, and recommended the following: That the salary be fixed at \$75 per month, this amount being for janitor and night watch, and shall be paid monthly upon an order drawn by the sheriff and certified to by the county clerk; said salary shall be paid only as long as the work shall be done as directed by the Board of Supervisors; said duties shall consist in keeping the main halls, court rooms and offices in a clean and proper condition, and do all other work in and about the court house as may be directed by the sheriff. And it is further understood that after the court house is closed for the night that the night watch shall remain inside of the building until it is opened again in the morning.

C. FISCHER, Chairman. FRED W. EADES, A. T. GRIFFIN, J. H. CARLIN.

Supervisor Reed, chairman committee on court house and jail claims, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on court house and jail claims beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts, to the several claimants, to-wit:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Dwyer Bros., supplies for jail Geo W Reed & Co., supplies for boiler house, 4 60 A F Patch, repairs circuit clerk's office, 5 30 Central Union Telephone Co., use of telephones, 26 00 H J Gillett, supplies for jail, 9 67 A Alshuter, supplies for jail, 9 50 D Leahy, shoes, 5 25 D Sanderson, tee for court house, 43 00 Ottawa Gas Co., gas for court house, 194 60 Ottawa Gas Co., gas for jail, 119 00 Ottawa Gas Co., gas for boiler house, 10 80

Manley & Jordan, supplies for court house and jail, 29 34 David Kroiss, repairing lock &c., court house, 17 35 John W Clegg & Co., gas fitting and supplies for court house and jail, 59 00 Wm R Milligan, board of prisoners, claimed \$972.00, allowed, 967 00 Wm R Milligan, washing for prisoners, 74 57

\$1 508 28 All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN E. BROWN, Chairman.

Supervisor Reed, of the court house and jail committee, presented the claim of L. Howard of \$23.05 for boarding jurors, and moved that the same be allowed to the amount of \$25.00.

Supervisor Norton moved as an amendment that said bill be allowed at the rate of 75 cents per day for each person boarded. A question now recurring on the motion of Supervisor Reed to allow said bill to the extent of \$25.00, it was carried by the following vote:

ed to me the following enquiries, and desire an answer thereon: "Should the circuit and county clerks charge themselves for the fees received for making records in cases taken to the higher courts, and report the same to the county?" and also, "should the probate clerk charge himself for certified copies of wills and other documents used to send to other states?"

My answer, without giving my reasons therefor in detail, that in both instances such fees or emoluments should be reported to the county board, and of course they should charge themselves with such fees or costs when received. This latter follows as a matter of course from their being bound to report them to the board. Yours truly,

M. T. MOLONEY, Co. Atty. Supervisor Lukins, chairman committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on roads and bridges would respectfully report that the matter referred to them in regard to a bridge across Fox river between the townships of Dayton and Rutland, would respectfully report that they have received no official notice that said bridge is completed.

We therefore would recommend that there be no payments made on said bridge at this term.

The committee are of the opinion that it will be establishing an unsafe and troublesome precedent for this board to allow partial payments on unfinished work for which county aid has been granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. H. LUKINS, Chairman.

Supervisor Green moved that when the special committees of this board appointed to look after the interests of the county in the matter of the appropriation for a bridge over the Fox river at Dayton, Ill., inspect and accept said bridge on behalf of the county upon its final completion, and so certify to the county clerk that he be authorized and directed to issue an order on the treasurer in favor of the towns of Rutland and Dayton for the amount heretofore appropriated for said bridge, to-wit: \$5,000. Motion carried.

Supervisor Grandstein, chairman committee to settle with county treasurer, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county treasurer would respectfully report that they have examined the report of S. W. Raymond, county treasurer, as furnished them, covering the time from the last meeting of the Board in September, 1886, to the present time. Your committee would further report that they have examined and canceled all the orders presented to them in the books of the circuit, county and probate courts, and destroyed them by fire. The notes canceled and vouchers for interest thereon are herewith submitted with the report, to be filed by the county clerk with the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted. ALBERT GRANDSTEIN, Chairman.

SAMUEL W. RAYMOND, County Treasurer. In account with La Salle County:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Bal due county as per Sept report, 84,369 5. Sept 14, W W Taylor, Circuit Clerk, 139 84. G B Stockdale, County Supt Schools, 12 00. G B Stockdale, County Supt Schools, 45 25. Oct 9, E H Stockie, County Supt Schools, 54 78. Oct 9, Est H Dolph for F B Holder, 17 60. 447 29. 1886. Sept 14, Institute Fund, 12 00. Oct 29, Interest, Writs, 10 00. G B Stockdale, 32 50. Nov 12, Interest, Truman, 49 00. 30, Note and interest, 30 00. County officers, 21 20. County Court, 1,599 90. Probate, 31 00. Jury, 31 00. Witness, 22 51. Compt on 417,39 (incl 1 pr et), 261 39. 26,138 51, pd out 4 pr et, 251 39. Balance due County, 25,137 87. \$48,716 80.

All of which is respectfully submitted. S. W. RAYMOND.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, 1886. P. FINLEY, Co. Clerk.

Supervisor Dresser, chairman committee to settle with county superintendent of schools, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county superintendent of schools would respectfully report that they have examined the bills presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. LA SALLE COUNTY. To G. B. STOCKDALE, Dr. Cr. 1886. Dec. 6, Printing record book register, 73 00. Postage, telephone and exp., 30 00. Balance due Sept 15, 8 61. To 70 days at \$4 per day, 280 00. Janitor at La Salle school, 1 00. \$392 97.

By order on treasurer, \$350 00. Balance due Supt., 142 97. \$392 97.

G. B. STOCKDALE, Co. Supt. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, A. D. 1886. P. FINLEY, County Clerk.

In reference to an assistant school superintendent, on the suggestion of the county superintendent, would respectfully recommend that he be and is hereby authorized to employ such clerical help as he may deem proper, at a salary not to exceed \$300 a year, a sum much less than that paid an assistant, thereby enabling him to devote a greater portion of his time to the interest of the schools, and by so doing obviate the necessity of an assistant superintendent.

E. S. DRESSER, Chairman. Supervisor Griffin introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That M. T. Moloney be employed as county attorney until Sept. 1, 1887, at a salary of six hundred dollars a year.

On motion of Supervisor Bubeck said resolution was referred to the committee on fees and salaries.

Supervisor Stevenson, chairman committee on complaints and abatement, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee on complaints and abatement would respectfully report that they have examined the matter of the petition of J. R. Vance, of Farm Ridge, presented before them, relative to the erroneous description of the N. 1/2 of sec. 8.—31—3 on both the assessor's and collector's books, and the refunding of previous taxes paid by him on property sold for taxes by reason of imperfect description. Your committee are informed by the deputy clerk that the N. 1/2 of said section 8 has given much trouble, for the reason that different tracts are not correctly located and some imperfectly described. Your committee recommend that the clerk correct the description of section 8 according to the best information in his possession, and extend said corrections to the collector's books, now being prepared.

Concerning the refunding of the taxes

by virtue of the office held, they cannot receive any remuneration therefor. They take the office enورا, as it is called, that is, with the office attached to it, for the discharge of which the legislature intends, or otherwise, has failed to provide any compensation. While taking care of the poor the supervisor does not act as a member of the Board, and therefore cannot receive the compensation provided for such services. The law imposes this duty upon him as supervisor and not as a member of the county Board. No compensation being provided by law, such services must be gratuitously performed. This whole matter has been decided by our Appellate and Supreme Courts. See 13 Bradwell, 599 Madison County vs Brauer; 111 Illinois, 10, same parties. In towns, however, of four thousand inhabitants or over, on the written request of the supervisor, the Board may appoint an overseer of the poor and fix his compensation and term of office, which cannot be longer than the life of the Board making the appointment. The Board in doing so cannot appoint the supervisor of that or any other town to such position. Section 1 of chapter 102, Revised Statutes, expressly provides as follows: "That it shall be and is hereby declared unlawful for any supervisor or county commissioner, during the term of office for which he is elected, to be appointed, to accept or hold any office which he may be a member, and any and all appointments and elections of the Board of Supervisors or county commissioners, whereby any member or members of said Board, or either of them, may be selected to fill any official position, shall be absolutely null and void."

Respectfully submitted.

M. T. MOLONEY, State's Attorney La Salle County. Chairman Lewis has resumed the chair. On motion of Supervisor Gunn the Board adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same as this morning.

Supervisor Norton, chairman committee to settle with county officers, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Mr. Chairman, de—Your committee to settle with county officers would respectfully report that they have examined the half yearly report of P. Finley, county clerk, together with the books and vouchers pertaining thereto, and believing the same to be correct as to items therein contained, would most respectfully recommend the adoption of the same, and that an order be drawn on the treasury for amount found due.

WARREN H. NORTON, Chairman. Mr. Chairman, de: Gentlemen: I herewith submit to your honorable body my report of the business of the county clerk's office for the half year ending December 1, 1886, a detailed account of which appears of record in said office:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. RECEIPTS. Misdemeanors, 679 85. Court, during present term, 485 56. From earnings previously reported, 154 20. From county in 1886, 165 05. Total court receipts, \$1,464 66. Three county orders as per report of