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Special Notes

Meeting Place Foresters Hall
Main and Middlefield

Date..... Next meeting, July 25, 1951
Time..... 8 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT

Movies of the July 4 Parade and Rodeo

MEET SENOR STEER

(See Cover Picture)

Here is the latest picture of our Association Steer who, for the last year has been out in my pasture eating his head off, so you can come up September 22nd-23rd and do likewise. He is now in the feed pen stuffing himself full of hay, corn, grain and everything that goes to make up the biggest and best tasting steaks you ever sank a tooth into.

Now here's real news! Because we want everyone to come on this ride and get in on all the food and fun, we are pricing the ride at only \$3.00 per member. That's right, I said \$3.00 per member! Every member owns a piece of the steer so the price of the meat is deducted from the price of the ride. Guests on the ride will pay \$4.50, those who come up just for dinner and the evening's fun will pay \$3.00 each. So, GO ON THE RIDE, IT'S CHEAPER! -- You will get two lunches, dinner, breakfast, beer and soft drinks, hay for your horse, and the swellest time you ever had in your life, with the world's most congenial people, yourselves.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by our President, Bob Oleson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Our treasurer, Alvina Mariani, reported \$3,166.99 cash in bank with \$512.00 accounts receivable.

Our guests of the evening were as follows: Mrs. Marvin and children, Mrs. Bill Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Paulson, Mrs. Paul De Force, Jim Good, and Peter Slade. Our new members were introduced to the association and they are: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. E. Hosp and Linda Hosp, and Karl Kirsten.

The correspondence consisted of an invitation to attend the Hayward Horse Show on July 19th to 22nd, sponsored by the Farm, Home and Industry Fair. We also received an invitation to attend the Region Six dinner at Ramor Oaks on June 29th. A letter from the Los Viajeros asked to consider the formation with other clubs of a fund to take care of the trails in or around San Mateo County, this letter is to be turned over to the finance committee for their consideration.

Ed Zwierlein encouraged everyone to attend the Regional dinner to make a good showing. He told us that the cost would be \$2.75 per plate.

Creed Haberlin said that there hasn't been much happening on the state trail in our vicinity other than that the contracts are out and the one piece of property that was not obtainable is to be bypassed.

Rosemary Lehman reported on the overnight ride to the Native Sons Park. She reported a big turnout with \$37.14 made on the ride. She thanked the people who helped make the ride such a success and reminded all to attend the September ride on the 22nd and 23rd, with all the steak you can eat.

The Playday and Futurity has been postponed until September 16 so as not to interfere with the Woodside children's show. The tentative location is at the Mounted Patrol grounds and is for members only.

The entertainment for the evening is to be Bingo, and movies next month.

Jack Carnevale announced for the parade committee that there will be a parade on each of the four days of the Fourth celebration. He urges all members to attend.

Our Rodeo booth is to be a shooting gallery. Bob Oleson asked for help in erecting the booth.

Herb Huetigg reported that half of the reservations made at Fresno for the Convention have been taken and that as we made our arrangements early we should have some favoring on the stalls.

Beverly Ring thanked Al, Creed and Stan for the cooperation on putting out the shirts.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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by The Rambler



Well, the glorious Fourth is over and by now those aching bodies and broken bones of those bronco and bull riding cowboys are on the mend. Every day was a good fast show and the grand entry on the Fourth was something to write home about. The parade itself, including the floats was two and a half hours long. There were so many colorful units on horseback that it was a shame they gave out so few trophies to the mounted groups. Well, that is one way of not having them come back again. Our own association, as you perhaps all know, won first for the largest group. Our junior group made a very good showing too. Among the new groups this year were the Los Altos-Palo Alto Horsemen and the Saddle-Bags. Each made a very fine showing with their beautiful uniforms.

On June 29th, **Ed Zwierlein** chaired a regional meeting at Ramor Oaks. It was fairly well attended, with the San Mateo County Horsemen winning the trophy for the largest group of people. **Creed Haberman** thought it was not fair that the group who was host should win the trophy, so he offered another for the next best. However, he was wrong about who was host because the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County won the second trophy and they, really being the hosts, in turn gave up the Trophy to the next largest group who happened to be the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association.

Our regional vice president **Fred Emlay** made an important announcement regarding the junior championships. State President **Dr. Roger Daniels** enlarged on it, stating that after much consideration pro and con, it was decided that there would be three championships. One all Western and one all English and one all-around. The contestants for any one of these three championships will have to take the same written test as the all-around; however, only the all-around will have to take both the English and Western riding test. It is too bad we didn't know about this earlier in the year. We might have had more youngsters interested in the state championships. Eliminations for region number 6 will be held at Watsonville on August 25th and 26th. **Mr. Emlay** distributed books of tickets to raffle a Bowman handtooled roping saddle. The money taken in on these tickets will be used as a fund to promote the Juniors of Region 6 at the Elimination and Blue Ribbon Show at Fresno, Calif. Chances are one dollar. So bring your dollars to the next meeting and we'll sell you some.

Ed Zwierlein brought up a proposition to have cattle in all stock horse classes, contending that no horse is a real stock horse unless it can work cattle and that most any well reined horse can perform the figure eight and come to a square stop, etc. He also brought up that parade horse classes ought to be abolished, such

as they are. The public likes to see high spirited horses in a parade, not just beautiful animals with lots of silver. That's true enough. Who ever heard of a real parade horse doing a flat footed walk when he knows he's on parade?

State secretary, **Ray Stone** spoke on trails and stated that he was investigating convention facilities for 1952 at San Jose. Hope they have enough accommodations so the convention can really be held there.

The adjourning of the meeting was followed by entertainment put on by four members of the Sweet Adelines, among whom there was **Pat Kirchner, Ruth Olsen, Rosemary Lehman** and **Dorothy Hittenberger**. They are the lady barbershoppers and put on some real entertainment.

The trail ride held on Sunday, July 8th by the Woodside Trail Club was again a terrific success. They had about 60 riders and many more who came to enjoy the wonderful lunch catered by **Eddie Castleman** in the beautiful gardens of the **Sam Campbells**. **Mrs. W. C. Duncan** was in charge of the ride and everything was efficiently planned. The members and guests were entertained with music by **Fred Eilerman, Monte Navarra** and **Harold Gragg**. **Lynne Kramer**, who is a pupil of **Monte Navarra** also rendered some numbers on her accordian.



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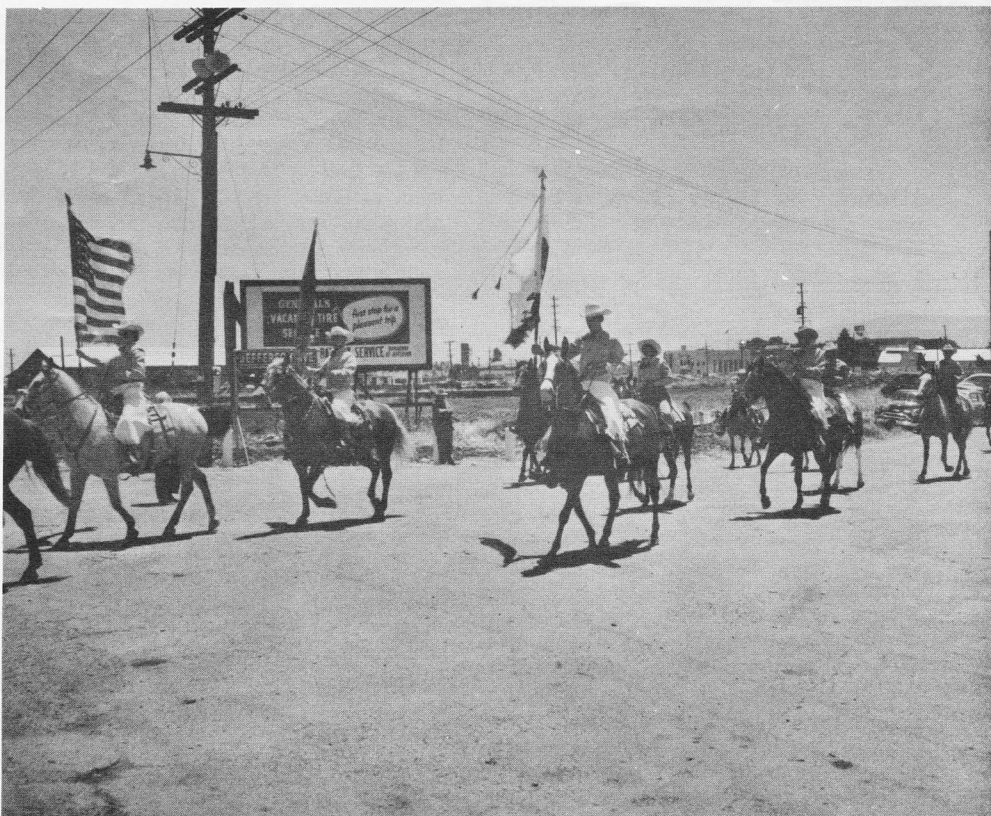


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The San Mateo Horseman's Power display that won the parade trophy on July 4th.

Facts and Fiction of Juniors

By BASIL WILLET, JR.

August 19th is to be the day of the annual Junior Rodeo at the Jack Glass Ranch. Once more Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glass of La Honda have donated their ring, these two fine people have always been a friend of the juniors and we should all show our thanks by leaving the ranch just as we found it.

The events of the day will be:

	Entry Fee
1. Steer riding	\$2.50
2. Calf roping	\$2.50
3. Stock Horse Class	\$2.50
4. Calf riding under 14	\$1.50
5. Relay teams of 3	\$3.00 a team
6. Bare Back Riding	\$2.50
7. Team roping	\$2.50 a person

The show is to start at 1:00 and out of the grand entry will be chosen the best dressed cowgirl and cowboy. And then a contest for the queen of the contest will be held. Any girl 18 or under may enter this, they will be judged on Horsemanship, appearance, and personality.

Belt buckles, trophies and ribbons will be given in all the events and for best dressed classes to 5th place. There will be no entry fee for best dressed or the queen contest.

Peter Towne, Paul Emst, Ronnie Chalmers, Pete Defty, and Dick Knowell are the committee for the Rodeo and if any of you would like to help get in touch with Peter Towne. There is to be a meeting for the Rodeo at Pete's on July 30, **DON'T FORGET THIS AS IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MEETING.**

There will also be a special award given to the high point winner of the Rodeo, so fellas and girls be at the Glass ranch and try for one of the many awards that will be given.



Mary Browne, one of our junior members has really been having a swell time for herself. She has been through many of our states and has seen many interesting things, among one of the most interesting to Mary was the Vanderbilt Stables, where she saw three of their fine stallions, Occupy, New World, and Discovery. After visiting the Vanderbilt's, Mary and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Browne saw parts of the Maryland Hunt course.

While in New York Mary and her parents went for a drive through Central Park, in an old carriage. Mary said "it was fun to see all the New York traffic stop for a horse and carriage."

Two days before Mary left on her trip, her Mare, Miss Mary, had a colt. I bet Mary will be glad to get home to see this new part of her family.

Some of our Juniors did very well at the Hidden Villa Horseplay Fiesta. In the Western Horsemanship **Eddy Ward** was the high man and **Becky Johnson** was a very close second. In the English Horsemanship **Mary Browne** was the one that carried off the blue ribbon, Mary also took the blue ribbon in the pleasure class. I hope I have not missed any one that got anything in this show.

At one time or another there was an Entertainment Chairman elected. Where is the entertainment????????? that the juniors are supposed to have?????????

Where were you??? All of you that sent in reservations for the May 27th ride and did not show up owe the juniors 75¢.

I hear that we are going to have to look for another membership Chairman, as **Eddie Johnson** is moving to a Ranch in Redding. Good luck Eddie.

Pat Carnevale was really a busy girl selling tickets here and there, and after a long pull and a lot of hard work, she came out on top.

After winning, she really had a time for herself. Along with her trip to Hollywood and a Carolyn Lennette Charm course, where they taught her to walk and talk (it's about time you learned, isn't it, Pat?) and they taught her all about styles; she also got many other gifts.

Pat would like very much to thank all the wonderful people who helped her in her pull to the top. There are two people though she would like to thank, for without the help of these two she would never have gotten to the top. These two people she will never be able to thank enough, for these people walked their legs off and talked themselves hoarse. Who are these two people??? Of course they are the two people most important in a young persons life, her parents.

Yes--Pat really wants to thank her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carnevale, for all their help.

Jeanette Brown and **Mama Ward** went to Carmel for a week and had a swell time, they said that the most interesting thing on their list of events was the Salinas Rodeo.

It was really wonderful to see all the Juniors at the Redwood Rodeo.

Some of those that placed in the junior events were **Pete Towne, Marna Ward, Mervin Mello**, and a little girl that has just recently joined our juniors, **Carol Ramsey**. I have never seen anyone so happy as Carol when she got best dressed cowgirl under 15. It was really grand to see our one time very active junior **Sally Towne**, now Mrs. Semes. Sally was the best dressed senior cowgirl.

Even if our juniors made a good showing in the parade and events of the Rodeo, there were also some juniors that did not make such a good showing. The glory that some of the juniors brought our club was greatly lowered by the actions of some of the other juniors.

Next month I will give the results of the July horse show. It was really a swell show, let's hope the Rodeo is as fine.

If I missed any of you, please let me know so I can get it in next month's magazine.

Good Luck at the Rodeo.

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The Convention

Now that the big event (The Rodeo) is over, and summer has descended upon us, many of you good people are looking around for a pleasant vacation, combined with your favorite pastime, your Horse-shows and Horse activities. Here is the opportunity to have your vacation at the all important State Convention at Fresno, with all the beautiful surroundings for a most pleasant stay at the El Rancho, with its most comfortable rooms and all the advantages of an excellent Dining Room and Bar, and a most welcome Swimming Pool after a good ride. Right next to the Motel you will find the loveliest Park in the whole San Joaquin Valley, where you can duck away, if you feel like it, and rest under some rare specimen trees in the cool shade. The lovely old Fairground which is well kept, and its orderly buildings will please any who attend. The barns are well located and convenient. The oval track is one of the finest, and in excellent condition, with a large and roomy Grandstand. For the evening Fashion Show, you will not have to sit in a stuffy building, but have a lovely outdoor stage with elevated seating on a grass covered mound. As you can see it is all in all an ideal combination, with the City of Fresno being always an excellent host to its conventions. So don't miss this year's Convention. You will never forgive yourself if you do, so be sure and make your room reservations now, as they are really going fast, and there are not many left for the El Rancho. Don't forget to indicate whether you will bring your horses, as we will have a whole barn for the San Mateo County crowd. We'll see you all in Fresno!

A HISTORY RIDE

As we enjoy our day or overnight rides, I wonder how many of our riders realize that this region was settled by a race of horsemen whose devotion to the saddle was not exceeded even by the Arab? The Spanish Californians were perhaps the finest horsemen in the world. Their babies could ride before they could walk. Their habit of riding fifty feet or five hundred miles made walking almost a lost art.

While the prehistoric horse was known in North America, the horse as we know him came with the Conquistadores. These were primarily war horses, bred to carry men in heavy armor. Heavy draft breeds were carefully crossed with the light, agile Arabs and Barbs. Only the strongest survived the months-long voyage, the battles and strange climate. Their offspring in time populated the West with the mustang herds. Able to survive drouth and snow, the wild horse grew wise and tough. Fast, too, to escape his enemies, the blood of the mustang is in many of our top stock and quarter horses today.

As the great ranchos and missions of Alta California prospered, better and better breeding stock was imported. Mission San Antonio de Padua, near King City, was famed for years for its fine horses. Even the lowly mule was carefully bred for looks, and a smooth, ambling or pacing gait.

By modern standards, the early breeding program seems haphazard, but it was apparently satisfactory at the time. A good stallion was turned out with a stud bunch, or manada, of ten or twelve mares. They were his responsibility to herd and protect. From time to time vaqueros cut out and broke desired colts. Incidentally, horsehair was much in demand for riatas and hackamores. Only the tails of the mares were clipped for this use, since if the stallion's tail was cut, he lost his appeal. His mares refused to look at him.

Since the "Californios" lived in the saddle, their horses were well trained for all uses. We are told that a vaquero could kill a grizzly bear from his horse, armed only with riata and knife. Perhaps the most prized of the early horses were palominos, and horses that could run especially fast. Horse racing was one of the major diversions of rancho life.

Whole families thought nothing of a jaunt of five hundred miles on horseback to attend a fiesta or horse race. The races were matters of keen rivalry. Hundreds of cows, vast acreages were won or lost on a race. Blood feuds caused by a race lasted for generations. As in our modern rodeos, horses played a major part in the fiestas. One of the favorite games was "Plucking the Chicken". A chicken was buried up to its neck in soft earth, as horsemen riding at top speed tried to pluck out the fowl by its head. The sudden jerk usually broke the bird's neck.

Saddles and equipment of the early days were most magnificent. Gold, silver,

carving, even precious stones were freely used. The saddles were large and heavy, with long tapaderos, and "dinner plate" horns. The long rowelled spur and spade bit were all too common.

The next time you ride the Woodside hills, try to visualize this country two hundred years ago. Rolling hills and oak dotted valleys, clothed in wild oats shoulder high to a horse. Sparkling streams ran down from the hills all year 'round. Vast herds of wild cattle and horses grazed freely. Indeed, only a man on horseback was safe among the long-horned cattle. Wolves and grizzly bears were common.

Spare a thought, too, as you trail your horse down El Camino Real, for the dusty, footsore horse that carried the explorers and settlers here. Remember the wiry vaquero who lived in his saddle from dawn to dark, tending the herds. Truly, the proud palomino, the fleet racer, the humble mule, the cow horse, all have left their footprints for us to follow.

Rose Roy

METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Anne Crowley of Belmont, owner and rider of The O'Flynn in the Three-gaited Saddle Horse Class, took 2nd place at the Metropolitan Horse Show in Oakland on June 24th. A beautiful horse indeed, as were all the other entries in one of the most outstanding horse shows ever presented in the Bay Area. To win any honor was truly a worthwhile accomplishment, congratulations to Anne Crowley.

Girl (at baseball game): "Isn't that pitcher marvelous? He hits their bats no matter where they hold them." * * *

"Is he stingy?"

"I'll say. Instead of renting a beach umbrella he just sits by the surf and tells me shady stories." * * *

Jimmy: "Hey, Tommy, aren't you coming out to play?"

Tommy: "No, I have to stay in and help my father with my homework." * * *

Customer: "Three of those apples you sent me were rotten. I'll bring them back."

Merchant: "That's all right, you needn't bring them back. Your word is just as good as the apples." * * *

"We were happy for several years, your honor, and then the baby came."

Judge: "Boy or girl?"

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SECRETS IN DETAIL--FIRST METHOD OF SUBJECTION

If you were to turn around quickly for a moment or two, you would find yourself to become so disconcerted and dazed as to be made completely helpless. The result is precisely the same upon the horse, and no matter how strong or reckless, when properly employed, his resistance can be neutralized or controlled with almost the facility of a plaything.

If you will take a colt, no matter how strong and excitable, and put on him a halter, by catching this well up near the head and stepping around toward the tail and grasping it, thereby pulling head around after you, you will find that he will go around with you in a circle quite freely; if, however, you were to try to go around with him very quickly, you would soon become so dizzy as to be made helpless and the effect would be the same on the colt. But if you were to tie the hair of the tail into a knot, and pass the hitching part of the halter through the hair above it, pulling it short enough to bring the body as before into a half circle, and make it fast by a simple half-hitch knot, you would find that the horse would turn himself freely; the shorter tied, the quicker he would go round. If now, by motioning with the hand, or touching with a whip on the outside of the head, you would find that he would go around so quickly (depending of course upon how short he is tied and the sensibility of the subject), that if permitted, he would fall down, and if a nervous, energetic fellow, he would quickly jump up, and in trying to resist the restraint, would go to whirling around again until helpless.

If you were to take a smooth pole, and while the colt was so going around, bring it gently against the quarters or body, and though perhaps at first so frightened by it that he would jump and kick with great violence, by a repetition, he would in a few minutes become so submissive and gentle as to care nothing about it. The strongest horse by this treatment will be controlled as easily as a plaything.

SECOND METHOD OF SUBJECTION.

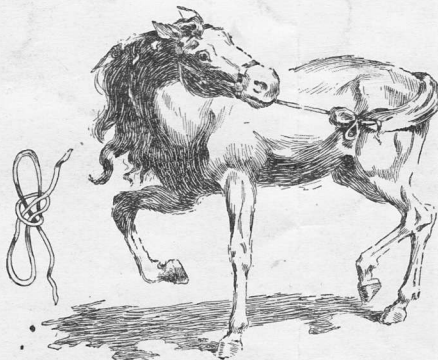
If you will take a wrestler, and without exciting or warming him up, put him on his back as fast as he could get up, it will have a good effect in impressing him with a sense of mastery.

One of the feats that I advertised to perform daily was the laying down of any horse that could be produced, as often as ten times a minute, and without touching him; it was by the method here given that I was able to do it with such ease and certainty.

As a general method of subjection this principle of treatment will be found very valuable.

The main objection to it is, that requiring a little practice, the ordinary farmer may be somewhat reluctant to try it; yet when the point of doing it is learned, which with a little practice will be found really easy, it will be found a very valuable method of subjection.

I may mention that this method of treatment does not work well upon horses of a slow, sullen, or mustang nature; but for subjects for which adapted, it will be found to produce the most astonishing results. After being used once or twice upon a horse, and he resists, it will not be found effective.

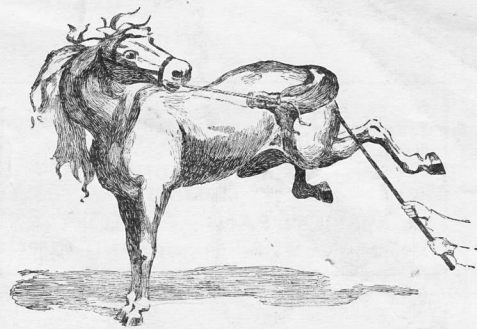


METHOD (NO. 2) OF TYING HALTER TO THE TAIL.

DETAILS OF SECOND METHOD.

I give two rigs, one of leather and one of rope. The leather rig works well, is not difficult to fit, but is expensive to make, costing from eight to fifteen dollars. The rope rig works equally well, and can be made of any old rope in a few minutes, at a merely nominal cost.

For rope procure a three-fourths inch rope eighteen or twenty feet in length. One that has been used enough to render it pliable is best. Make a simple loop about three inches long at one end, and double the rope about four feet from the loop. Pass over this double part a three-inch ring made of three-eighths rod. Measure the distance from the tail to where the saddle of the harness comes, to which bring the ring, and make a simple knot of



As the Vicious Colt Will Usually Kick When Touched with the Pole While Turning (Method No. 1).

both ropes, around it, regulating it to the length of the back as it is tightened. Next, put the double part under the tail, twist two or three times, and bring the part with the ring to its place about eight inches to the right of the back, with the loop toward the near side. While holding it in position, reach under the body, catch the opposite end of the rope, bring it through the loop, and draw down to the size of the body. Now, while holding it in place by pressing down firmly upon it, make a simple knot in the rope, which forms a button, and keeps it from slipping out. It is also necessary to protect the back and tail by winding the part of the rope coming under the tail, and putting two or three thicknesses of cloth or blanket between it and the back.

Next, put on a strong strap halter with the nose part coming well down upon the nose, and draw it up rather close, back of the jaw; then take a piece of strong cord, made of the very best quality of hemp (that used for war-bridle is best), from five-sixteenths to three-eighths of an inch in diameter and about twenty feet in length; tie a hard knot in each end, and fasten one end around the rope or surcingle just above the ring. Pass the other end from above down over the strap of the halter, back of the jaw, thence back and down through the ring referred to, until the slack is taken up. Now tie up the near fore foot. The best way to do this is to pass an ordinary hamestrap around the foot, thence to the bellyband, and buckle short (see Fig. 1). Select a piece of soft ground free from stone, with thick, soft sod, as an orchard, meadow, plowed field, or a place liberally covered with straw or manure, and remove the shoes.

Presuming that such a place has been selected, stand almost in front of the horse, at the right, with a firm hold of the cord, about seven or eight feet from the shoulder, pull gently but firmly. This will draw the head back to the side, and the body being thereby thrown out of balance, the horse is forced to fall over on his side. If during the first trial he resists, let him have his way a little while, and when in a good position, pull quickly, when he can easily be forced off his balance and made to fall or roll over. In cases for which it is adapted, if well done, the horse will be forced down so easily and naturally that nothing is left to be desired.

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