

BATHS FOR HORSES.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF PARISIAN LUXURY.

The Horse Enjoys the Process—The Bathing Establishment Is Similar to Those Used by Men, but Larger—Dogs Bathe, Too.



TURKISH bathing establishment for horses and dogs, has been started in a quiet street in Paris, near to the Bois de Boulogne. Henceforth, those who possess horses and pet dogs will be enabled to let them experience all the delights of these Oriental ablutions.

When the wealthy man returns to his home he may take pity on the tired steeds that have dragged his carriage through the hot, dusty streets and tell his groom to take them over for a bath. The place has not been open long, but judging from the amount of support it is said to have enjoyed up to now, the experiment should be successful. Whether it will be found to keep up its business in winter is a problem for the enterprising proprietor to solve by experience.

The idea is unique and at the same time humane. There can be little doubt that animals that are not living in a state of natural freedom will derive great benefit from these baths, especially in summer weather.

The arrangements made in this establishment for the treatment of four-footed clients are elaborate and interesting. The bath-house is designed in much the same style as those used by human beings, but the rooms are on a much larger scale.

There are three large rooms connected with each other by wide doors, which fit closely and are practically airtight. When a horse is to be operated on, it is taken first into the back room. This is divided into large compartments or stalls. The horse is tied up to a ring in a stall and the door shut. A steam coil is concealed in the wall of the room and the steam can be turned on from the outside.

After the animal has been tied with a good length of the halter he is shut in and the room is filled with steam until the temperature rises to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The time the horse is left in this chamber varies considerably, according to the condition he may be in. Usually half an hour is sufficient to produce profuse perspiration.

When this has been effected the door is opened and the bath is untied and led in to the middle room. This is also a large, airy room, with little windows in the wall which separates it from the first room. This end of the room is also divided into stalls, and has a window to each stall. There is no steam here, but hot air keeps the temperature at about 165 Fahrenheit.

This heat increases the flow of perspiration begun by the steam, and in about fifteen minutes it is streaming from the animal. After this the little window in his stall is opened and his head drawn through to be tied fast to a ring in room No. 1. After this a cold shower bath is turned on from the ceiling, and two attendants, standing one on each side, rub and scrape off the perspiration and water with smooth, flexible scrapers of hard wood.

The shower is continued for fifteen minutes. When it is turned off the horse is given a gentle shampoo with soft brushes. He is then rubbed vigorously for a few minutes with warm, dry cloths, and a drink of brandy and water is administered.

The temperature is gradually lowered to about 80 degrees and then the horse is led into the front room. This is kept at a moderate temperature, and is fitted with a table on which the patient is laid while the final touches are put on his toilet. The table is of mechanical construction and is a very ingenious affair. The top, which is padded and covered with oiled canvas, turns over so as to be perpendicular, one side touching the marble floor. Strips of strong webbing are drawn through it, and when the horse is led up beside the table top, these straps are passed around his body, back through the table top and buckled tightly on the other side. His feet are also buckled in straps, and when he is securely fastened the attendants turn a revolving shaft which tips up the table top until it rests horizontally on the four massive legs, which are connected by a strong framework.

When it is tipped up the horse is lying at full length on his side, ready for the final operation. This consists of fifteen minutes' rubbing by two attendants. These men wear gloves which have the inner surfaces covered with stiff hair. They rub until the horse is perfectly dry; they then apply various balsams and bay rum. When one side is finished the table is tipped over and the horse unstrapped and turned on the other side. Then the mane and tail are combed, brushed and braided. The process is now ended, and after having another drink of brandy the animal is led out.

TWO MOTHERS.

Bereavement Brings Truth Home to a Tormented Woman Through Her Child.

When the well-to-do boarder's little boy died she called in the woman who swept and scrubbed halls, attended to the furnace and did scullery work in general about the place and showed her the little fellow as he lay in his flower-decked coffin, so sweet and pretty in his last peaceful sleep.

The scrubwoman had a boy of her own just a few days younger than the dead child, and when the well-to-do boarder's message came she hastily grabbed up her baby and took him in with her.

The two women stood over the tiny casket for a time in silence. At last the mother's self control gave way and she bowed her head over the body and bathed the little cold face with the tears that blinded her aching eyes and scalded her thin, care-worn cheeks.

The scrubwoman sat her baby on the floor and folded her arms stolidly.

"Don't, ma'am," she said without a quaver in her coarse, strong voice. "You ought to give thanks with all your soul. I wish to God it was my boy lying there instead of yours."

The boarder laid her hand over the woman's mouth and interrupted the impassioned speech.

"Don't say that," she cried. "You don't realize the meaning of your words. It might come true. Your boy might die."

The scrubwoman smiled. "There's no such good luck as that," she said bitterly. "It's always such as yours that goes and such as mine that stays. He's never been well, and he never will be well. He's a torment to himself and to me, and to everybody about the place. It's a continual scratching to keep body and soul together, and if I should die what would become of him then? It ain't that I'm unnaturally hard-hearted, but pinching and scraping along makes brutes of anybody. Anyway, he'd be better off."

"You'll be sorry some day," the other replied, turning again to her little one.

The boarder moved away, and it was three years before the women met again. A few days ago the well-to-do woman was going through a locality the ins and out of which had not been familiar to her for many months, and among the scrubwomen on the steps of a large building she saw her former charwoman of the boarding house.

"How is Freddy," she asked, the first greeting over.

The woman's lips trembled. "Freddy's dead," she said, putting down her brush and drying her eyes on the corner of her apron.

The boarder grasped her hand in ready sympathy. "I'm so sorry," she said simply.

"It just happened last week," the scrubwoman went on between sobs. "I've remembered a thousand times what you said about being sorry. It was all true. There's not an hour that I don't want him with me again. If I only hadn't said it! My poor little boy!"—Chicago Tribune.

HOW SNAKE EATS FROG.

As Soon as a Serpent Has Captured Hind Legs, Good-by Frog.

How a snake eats frogs is worth the telling. The writer distinctly remembers witnessing a dramatic meal of this kind, in which, of course, the snake came out the winner, getting his dinner in excellent style and completely vanishing the frog. Though a snake may seem at first sight an organism that is extraordinarily slow of comprehension, any well regulated ophidian knows, nevertheless, exactly how to satisfy the wants of nature in the most approved manner. A snake invariably grabs a frog by the hind legs. This preliminary struggle is one of the most impressive features of the combat. With a well-defined natural instinct the chief effort of the frog is to keep his other hind leg far away from the snake's mouth, in the hope that he may speedily exhaust his enemy's strength, and also because he feels that if his other hind leg is made captive he will have less power to fight. Once both hind legs are within the serpent's fangs the act of swallowing begins. Inch by inch the struggling frog is drawn further and further into the yawning orifice that expands at each gulp. The channel through which the frog has to pass is gradually enlarged by slow efforts on the snake's part, accompanied by fiercer and fiercer convulsions of the wretched wiggler. The gullet of the snake in its natural proportions is quite large enough to contain the limbs of the frog, but as by frequent gulps the body is drawn further and further into the gullet the difficulty of swallowing increases. Gradually the ophidian's throat is distended, gradually the frog is compressed and drawn out. Finally the latter is double his normal length and half his circumference. As the process of expansion on the one hand and contraction on the other goes on, the frog is worked down little by little, until he starts in on his afternoon nap.

A cavalry corps, composed of women, has been organized in the Denver Salvation Army.

The Horseless Vehicle Contest.

Electricians are studying with a great deal of interest and doubt their chances in the horseless vehicle contest that the Chicago Times-Herald has organized, to take place next November between Chicago and Milwaukee, a distance of about eighty-five miles, with two relay stations, one at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and one at Waukegan, Illinois, where renewal of power is permitted. Already, says the Evening Post, over seventy-five entries have been made for this race, but it is said that the electrical competitors are comparatively few. The main reason for the lack of prominence of electricity is that the batteries hitherto in use and on the market have been altogether too heavy and have had too limited a storage capacity. Hence, with the increase in strength of the frame to bear the burden has come a further drain on the insufficient power, and nobody seems able to reconcile these qualities. Yet another reason for the absence of electrical carriages is the rareness of charging stations, although the condition in this respect is steadily improving all the time. It is believed by electricians that not many years will pass before trolley systems penetrating into the rural districts will allow their circuits to be tapped for lines to run over roads in such a way that any car can hitch on by its trolley pole and get all the current it needs.—Scientific American.

The Value of Trees.

How many farmers and others, too, whose places are destitute of fruit and shade trees. Again, how many rented places are devoid of trees of all kinds. Has the land-owner ever stopped to consider that a small orchard, a few yard trees around every tenement house will greatly enhance the value, attract and hold a better class of tenants, make life more enjoyable and that too at practically no cost? We tell you there is a great deal of selfishness when we look abroad and see how stingy and selfish many are with their tenants, and oftentimes perchance some good farmer rents his farm and moves away and is so selfish as to reserve all, yes, all the fruit produced, denying even this to his tenant. Land-owners owe their tenants and the public generally, a duty by planting at least a moderate quantity of trees. This is a wise public policy.—Ornamental Tree Growing.

Motors for Observatories.

The great Yerkes forty-inch telescope, at Lake Geneva, will be provided with a system of electric motors by which its several motions may be operated and regulated. The driving clock will be wound automatically, by an electric motor, while, in keeping with these electrical devices, the elevating floor of the observing room—about seventy feet in diameter—will be made movable by means of hydraulic rams. The astronomical observatory of the future will resemble a great machine and dynamo shop.

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The Chicago Tribune has published a table showing that twenty-eight railroad companies have terminal stations in that city; that they operate 40,000 miles of railway lines; that the number of daily through express and mail trains is 294; accommodation, suburban and passenger trains, 670; merchandise and freight trains, 288; grain, stock and lumber trains, 100—making a total of 1,352 trains of all classes in and out of Chicago daily.

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