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Initiation - travail du cavalier

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Intitulé	*Horsemanship, or, The art of riding and managing a horse : adapted for the guidance of ladies and gentlemen, on the road and in the field — with instructions for breaking in colts and young horses — by Captain Richardson, Late of the Fourth Light Dragoons.* / RICHARDSON Mervyn
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Présentation du contenu

« Napoleon was said to have been an enthusiastic admirer of the beauty and excellence of the English horse, but to have entertained a contemptible opinion of the horsemanship of the British dragoon. It was reported as his boast, “ that did he possess our horses, he could readily beat our men;” because the English dragoons were such indifferent riders, that in a charge of cavalry they had no proper control over their horses; consequently, they would fall an easy prey before the wellappointed, well-trained, and scientific French troops. The horsemanship of the British cavalry of the present day is presumed to be perfect, but whether it be so or not, it will be much to be deplored, in every sense, if ever the sentiments entertained by Napoleon the First, should have just cause and opportunity to be weighed in the mind of Napoleon the Third. We stand indebted to the German for our present improved method of riding. It is possible that the German has gained his knowledge of the science from the French ; but before we learned it from the former, we were almost ignorant of the true principles of perfect horsemanship. Hard riding, bold riding, and rough riding, were the common systems of equitation that prevailed; but the real science was scarcely known in England. The chief reason why the old system still so generally prevails is, the great cost of time and money attendant upon a continued series of lessons at the schools; and the cause of our having so many badly trained and illconditioned horses, is the lack of knowledge of the science of horsemanship and horsebreaking among the generality of horsebreakers themselves. There is scarcely a groom in the land who does not consider himself a most excellent horseman, and competent to be a perfect horsebreaker. If he has served an apprenticeship in connection with a racing stud, his education is deemed complete; the diploma cannot be controverted, and he becomes the oracle of the surrounding country. It is very probable, that if licences to break in horses and teach riding were granted, as a bonus, to steady dragoons upon their discharge from the army, they would be induced to continue their sphere of usefulness; and the beneficial effects would soon be experienced throughout the kingdom. The man of steady habits and scientific knowledge would always command the preference over the charlatan; and we should soon cease to lament the want of skill to control and manage with efficiency one of the noblest animals in the world. » Présentation de l’éditeur (1853)

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