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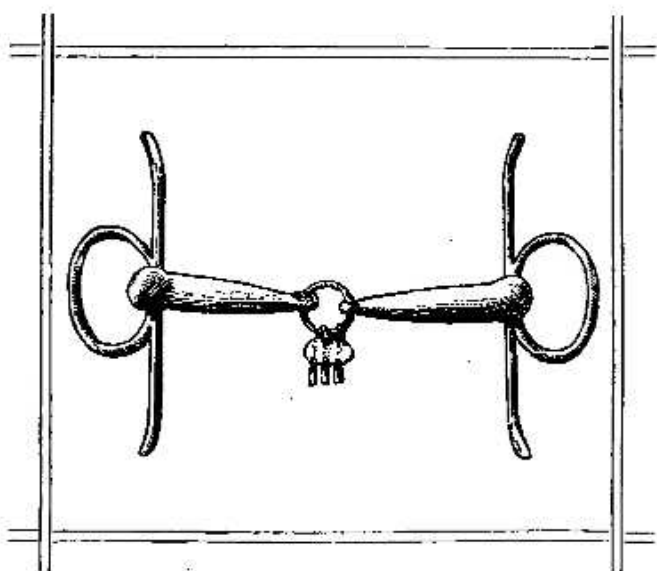
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PUBLISHERS' PREFACE.

A long and varied experience with horses, in both civil and military capacities in different countries, gives Colonel Battersby the ability to be of essential service both to the horse and to his owner in this volume. The treatise is not on bits alone, but on breaking and training horses for every use to which they are respectively adapted, particularly to their use under the saddle and before the carriage. The important part played by the bit in its various forms in rendering the horse the docile, willing servant he is, in promoting man's profit and pleasure, leads to the adoption of the title of the book. It is at once specific and comprehensive. Tender consideration and respect for the horse is the impression the author makes and inculcates—that by proper mouthing, training, use and treatment he can be made all the more serviceable, and at the same time more agreeable to his rider or driver in the performance of his work.

The position Colonel Battersby had as Assistant Inspector General in Sheridan's Cavalry Corps, and under the gallant Custer and his ever successful commander, is a guarantee that he may be considered authority on what he says regarding cavalry bits and bridles. The characteristics of a large number of the animals used as carriage horses, as depicted by the author, together with his clear explanations as to the style to be sought and the method to secure it, are well worthy the attention of breeders, while no horseman can peruse the volume without profit to himself and essential benefit to the noble animal in whose interest the book is largely written.

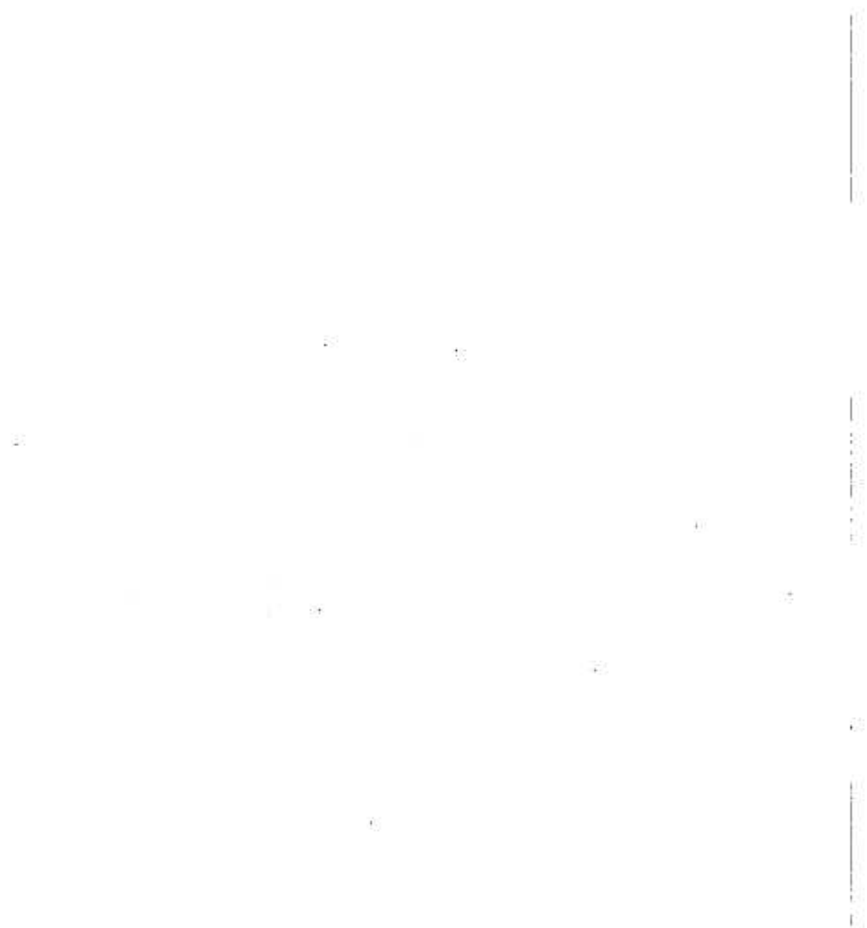


Figure 1. Dependence of the function f on the parameters α and β . The plot is divided into three vertical sections by dashed lines at $\alpha = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.75$.

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