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## THE LADY'S HORSE.

THAT whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, is a truism which, in words at least, is never contradicted. In deeds there is the usual difference between theory and practice; and in no instance is this difference so noticeable as in the theory and practice of lady equestrianism.

I do not for a moment mean to withhold honour where honour is due, or to deny that there are hundreds of ladies whose riding is perfection; but at the same time a very short lounge in Rotten-row will convince the most casual observer that, while there is more to admire there in the way of female horsemanship than in any similar resort in the world, yet there are many ladies—or perhaps young ladies' fathers, guardians, &c.—to whom a word of advice, which they need not take, may at least convey some new ideas on the subject of riding. The ladies themselves only need to be told what is right, for happily they are apt enough at learning what is becoming; and there are some things of which all need to be informed at the beginning of their equestrian career. The reason is obvious. A lady's seat on horseback is so purely an artificial and acquired position, that, unless by a fortunate "fluke," no lady can teach herself; and in riding, as in