

shows how lasting is the impression which the word of command makes upon the mind of the animal :—

“ A gentleman riding on a strong, spirited horse, passed a pedestrian on the slope of the Downs, at Brighton, at nearly full speed. The horse had formerly been a charger in the 10th Royal Hussars, and the pedestrian, who had known him when attached to that regiment, instantly recognised him. In a loud and authoritative tone, as the horse dashed by him, he vociferated the commanding word ‘ HALT !’ It was a mandate to which the animal had been trained, and he had not forgotten it. The check it produced was as sudden as unexpected; the rider, completely unprepared for such a shock, was thrown over the horse’s head, and alighted on his back some yards in advance; as good fortune would have it, without receiving any material injury.”

“ That was rather a dangerous experiment, Uncle Thomas, was it not ?”