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THE GERMAN BLACKSMITH'S HORSESHOE.—In Germany a blacksmith, when finishing a horse-shoe punches a hole in the two ends, and when the shoe is cold hammers in a screw thread and screws into the shoe, when on the horse's foot, a sharp pointed stud of an inch in length, and with shoes thus fitted the horse travels securely over the worst possible road, either when riding or driving. Draught horses are shod in the same way. When the horse comes to the stable the groom unscrews the pointed stud and screws in a button, so that no damage can happen to the horse, and the screw holes are prevented from filling. When the horse is going out the groom takes out the button and screws in the pointed stud, and there is no fear of the horse coming back with broken knees or strained sinews, and the public is spared the sight of horses down or slipping in all directions.—Chicago Times.