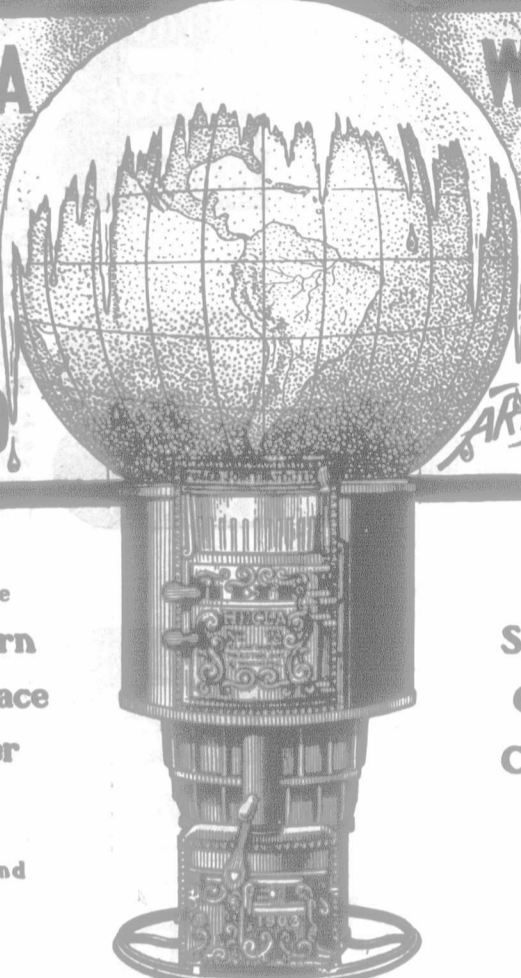


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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
 Veterinary.

COW WITH COUGH.

Cow has had a cough for a month. She is on grass and doing well, and does not cough much. B. C.

Ans.—This indicates tuberculosis. If the cough continues you had better have your veterinarian test her with tuberculin, and if she reacts dispose of her as he directs. Do not allow her out during cold or wet weather, and if she is not tubercular the cough will gradually disappear. V.

CONTRACTED FEET, ETC.

1. Clydesdale weighing 1,640 lbs. has dry feet; the heels are becoming narrow and high, and tipping to one side. He is also slightly knee-sprung.

2. Three-year-old was castrated a year ago, and one side of scrotum is still large.

3. Five-year-old sprained his leg in January, and there is a bony growth on inside of fetlock joint. R. H. F.

Ans.—1. Remove shoes; cut the heels well down, and get the feet as near a normal shape as possible, then blister the coronets every month. Details for blistering are frequently given in these columns. Allow him to run on a damp pasture between blisterings. This will encourage growth of horn better than any other treatment, and will also be beneficial to the weak knee. When in the stable give him a box stall, and feed off the floor.

2. This is what is called scirrhous cord, and an operation by a veterinarian is necessary to remove it. Unless it is quite large it will not interfere with his usefulness.

3. This cannot be removed, but may be reduced some by repeated blistering, as in question 1. V.

INGUINAL HERNIA.

Five-weeks-old colt has double scrotal hernia. My veterinarian applied a bandage and lotion, but the colt got very sore and was no better. I notice that "Whip" advocates castrating colts while on the dam. Would it be wise to castrate this one? W. A. S.

Ans.—If you read the article you mention by "Whip" on "Castration," you will notice that he makes special mention of cases of this kind. He says: "In my opinion, the better time to castrate colts, provided, of course, there is no abnormality as hernia, etc., is from ten days to three weeks of age." Now, as your colt has double hernia he is excepted. Leave him alone, do not interfere with the scrotum at all. Watch it closely, and if you notice the hernia is becoming larger and larger you must get a veterinarian to perform what is called "the covered operation." It is probable it will not increase in size, and it is also very probable it will disappear before he is a year old, although in some cases it does not disappear until the second year, and in rare cases not at all. Unless it becomes larger, give nature a chance. V.

LARYNGITIS.

Aged horse cannot swallow well. He tries to eat and drink, but it all falls out of his mouth. He slavers badly. I got his teeth fixed, but he is no better. How long can he live without eating? H. E.

If there is no broken tooth or irritant in the mouth, the trouble is in the throat, and no doubt he will be either dead or better by the time you see this. In my opinion he has laryngitis, and the treatment is to steam him, by holding his head over a pot of boiling water two or three times daily. Rub the throat twice daily with equal parts spirits of ammonia, oil of turpentine and raw linseed oil. Give him 3 drams chlorate of potash three times daily, by dropping on the back of the tongue out of a spoon. Feed out of a high manger, and hold the water high for him to drink. Feed anything he will eat. This disease is liable to many complications, which must be treated according to symptoms. The length of time he will live without eating depends upon his condition and the severity of the disease. V.

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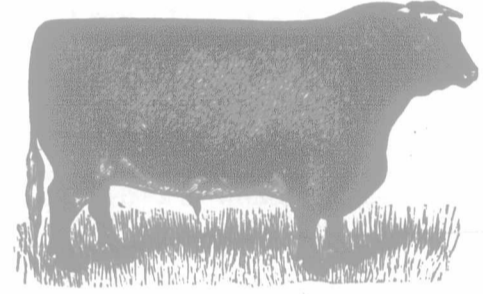
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