

SPRAINED LEG.

I have a young mare (driven) perfectly sound, apparently sprained her fore leg while standing in her stall. She was led out to water at noon, not in the least lame, and at night she could not put her foot to the ground. Shortly it began to swell, and she was apparently in great pain. I then put her in a sling and bathed her leg with hot water and salt, at the same time applying Clark's White Liniment. But she did not improve, and the swelling increased until it reached an alarming size and was much inflamed.

Applying liniment and bathing did not seem to do much good, so I tried a hot linseed poultice which relieved her, and she then took a turn for the better. The swelling is gradually decreasing, there is still, however, a great deal of inflammation and swelling remaining. It is now two weeks since it happened. She is eating and drinking well. Her knee is not out of joint neither is her leg broken.

Poplar Point.

S. L. H.

Ans.—Assuming that the leg was strained or bruised your treatment was correct, being directed to reduce the inflammation, although until such is reduced no stimulant or blistering application should be applied. If the swelling does not entirely disappear, would advise blistering with a fly blister.

SCOURS IN CALVES.

The first day after the calf is born it is strong, bright and healthy, the second day the calf becomes listless, lies down, does not care to suck, but does not appear to suffer; in a few hours its eyes begin to sink into its head, some scouring towards the last, ears and nose gets cold, the calf lies half stupid, then dies. The cow, mother of the calf, is strong, healthy and in good condition. When I noticed the calf getting bad gave egg, warm water and ginger but seemed to have no effect.

G. R. C.

Ans.—This disease, by some termed calf cholera, is infectious, and has been put down to the introduction of a germ via the navel. Disinfect the navels of new born calves, with some antiseptic solution such as is used for foals. Give the following at one dose in two ounces of brandy and whites of three eggs: One and a quarter drams of powdered rhubarb root, quarter of a dram powdered opium, quarter of a dram of carbonate of magnesia.

FOOT WOUND CAUSING MALFORMATION.

I have a three-year-old gelding that cut his front foot in barb wire just above the hoof on the inside when a yearling. He now has a false hoof grown to the main hoof at the bottom, but the top part seems a little loose and the hair has never grown on that side of fetlock. He also has a large bunch extending all around the hoof nearly to fetlock joint which is feverish, causing the outside shell of hoof to peel off. What would reduce the swelling and would it be safe to blister while in a feverish condition? What would grow the hair again? Would a shoe high in front and low behind be of any help?

Alta.

SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Reduce the inflammation with cold water, then blister once or twice. No.

A reader in southern Manitoba writes saying he has a small, clean-bottomed lake of clear, fresh water, and wishes to know what varieties of fish he could stock it with and where they could be obtained.

Answered by T. B. Perry, Customs, Canada.—In my opinion Jack fish is the only suitable specie for any of the lakes in this district owing to the depth of water, bottoms and surroundings. The best place to secure spawn would be at the Selkirk hatchery.

LEUCORRHEA.

I have a mare about nine years old that a dealer brought up from Ontario this spring, and once when I hitched her to the empty sleigh she let out about a tablespoonful of white slimy substance when starting. I watched her for a couple of days. Twice during that

time her water was as red almost as blood and then came to its natural color again. That was about two weeks ago and the mare took the horse night before last. I hitched her up this morning and drew stone, and on putting her in at noon she let out about a half cupful I should judge of the same substance. The mare is in good condition, works well, seems tough and hard, as though she had been at work all winter. Is the trouble caused by a bruise on the trip up or is there something wrong with her and what would be the proper treatment?

C. R. S.

Ans.—The mare has "whites" or leucorrhoea, a disease from the goblet cells of the mucous membrane lining the vagina, and is an evidence of lack of tone in that organ. Tonic treatment is always necessary in such cases, and is of far more value than local applications. Mild astringent injections, however, will be useful, such as a weak solution of permanganate of potash, at the rate of one ounce of the drug to two quarts of water. Give the mare, one dram daily of fluid extract of nux vomica along with one ounce of tincture of iron, mix with the feed or give with a small syringe by the mouth.

CURB.

Valuable brood mare has a curb of one year's standing. I blistered it four times through the winter with a fly blister, I have also rubbed it well with a round beef bone which reduced it, but it is quite visible yet. Kindly give a cure.

I have a stack of brome hay also one of wild hay; which would you advise me to feed to working horses?

A. S. MAGUIRE.

Ans.—Get a biniodide of mercury blister (1 to 6) and apply twice at an interval of ten days or two weeks. It depends entirely on the quality of the hay, and if you wish to sell one, which would sell the best. I prefer tame hay as a rule.

CUT IN JOINT FLEXURE.

Filly, two years old, badly cut with barb wire inside of hock about seven months ago. All healed up except right on the joint inside a little crack, the working of the joint seemingly keeps it open, it does not run; a scurf gathers round the edge. On the leg above the joint there is a bunch left; have been rubbing with strong iodine but does not seem to take it off. What would you advise me to do with it? Do you think it possible to take it off? She is not lame, it does not seem to hurt her, only for looks or sale.

Ans.—These are always nasty cases to deal with. You had better paint the edges of the wound with a solution of nitrate of silver, ten or fifteen grains to the ounce of water. Apply the same to the bunch if it is not covered with the skin.

PROBABLY DOG DISTEMPER.

What is wrong with my dog? He coughs a good deal, not very hard at first, just as though something was in his throat. He keeps coughing straight ahead, sometimes for a minute and sometimes ends with trying to throw something up. This is worse on days when he has not been shut up in the stable the night before, and also when he has been running. He has had it about a week.

Man.

READER.

Ans.—If it is a case of distemper the disease will have to run its course, the animal in the meantime being supported by nourishing food. For the cough get two ounces of P. D. & Co's Anodyne Pine Expectorant and give half a teaspoonful three times a day.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYED

If a man hires with a farmer for the season (seven or eight months) and during any period of that time lays off, being sick for about a fortnight and has the doctor attending him at the house; has the farmer any right to stop anything more than his wages and board for the time, the farmer has not the right has he to stop the wages he pays another man out of my wages?

ONE WHO WANTS HIS RIGHTS.

Ans.—If your wages are stopped that is all that can be stopped, except that the employer can charge you the extra cost, if any, incurred to put a man in your place; he can not stop your pay and also charge you up with the full wages of the other man. See a respectable lawyer about the matter.

HUMOROUS

HE DID AND HE DIDN'T.

Mr. Wilkins had a dollar, so he said he guessed he'd pay
A little sum he'd borrowed from a gentleman named Gray;
Then Gray he took that dollar, and he said, "It seems to me
I'd better pay that little debt I owe to McAfee;"
Then McAfee the dollar paid upon a bill to Smart;
By Smart 'twas paid to Thomson, and by Thomson paid to Hart.
And so that coin kept rolling as a very busy "plunk."
Until it paid indebtedness amounting in the chunk
To more than forty dollars, and it may be rolling yet,
And all because this Wilkins thought he'd better pay a debt.
For when a dollar's started
On its debt-destroying way,
There hardly is a limit
To the sums that it will pay.

Mr. Wilkins knew a kindness that he might have done for Gray,
But he wasn't feeling kindly, so he thought it wouldn't "pay."
Then Gray, not being grateful, said, "It really seems to me
I've done sufficient favors for that fellow McAfee;"
Then McAfee felt ugly, and he took a whack at Smart,
Who passed it on to Thomson, who passed it on to Hart.
And so no act of kindness was done through all that day,
But many an act that rankled in a most unpleasant way,
And many a soul was longing for the help to fit its need,
And all because this Wilkins didn't do a kindly deed.

For a dollar or a kindness,
Rule is still the same, I say;
If you wish to see it rolling,
Better start it on its way.

Two men were out shooting; one had a license, the other hadn't. A keeper approached and the one who had a license ran away.

The keeper was a good runner and an exciting chase ensued over a mile and a half of nice plowed field. At last the keeper got up to the runaway.

"Now, sir, where's your license?"

It was produced.

"Then why did you run away?"

"Oh, I'm fond of exercise," answered the man; "but don't you think you'd better ask my friend if he has one?"

The friend was by this time about two miles off, and the keeper only whistled, then went on his way a sadder and a wiser man.—*Tu-Bits.*

There came a ring at the telephone. "Hello!" said the voice at the other end of the wire. "Is this the editor?"

"Yes."
"This is one of your subscribers. I want to know if you can tell me the first name of the poet laureate of England?"

"You're sure you know his last name, are you?" asked the man at the city editor's desk.

"Of course, It's Laureate. But I've forgotten whether his given name is Richard or John."—*Chicago Tribune.*

School Inspector—Now, boys, we read that during the deluge Noah sent birds out of the ark that he might know by their return if there were any signs of dry land. Can you tell me, Johnny Horner, how many birds were sent?

J. H.—Four, please, sir.

School Inspector—Name them.

J. H.—First, the raven.

School Inspector—Good boy; go on.

J. H.—The second and third are not mentioned, but we read of the dove being sent forth.—*Birmingham (England) Post.*

"Did your playmate enjoy her visit?" said mamma to her small daughter, who had just bidden adieu to her friend.

"Why, yes, mamma, I think she did," replied the child. "I called her 'my dear' very often in that dressy tone you use when you have company."

Jack was making a visit to his grandparents who owned a large dairy. He had been forbidden to touch the tempting-looking pans of rich cream. One day his grandmother caught him coming up from the cellar with a very suspicious white rim over his upper lip.

"Jack," she said, severely, "I am afraid you have been disturbing my pans of cream."

"No, I haven't, Grandma, I just ran my tongue gently over the top."—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

Gyer—Scribbles has written a song that is bound to make a hit with school-boys.

Myer—What's the title?

Gyer—"Every Day'll be Saturday By-and-bye."—*Chicago News.*

Gusher—She told me I was the light of her life.

Flusher—Well, that was encouraging.

Gusher—Yes; but her father came along just then and put the light out.—*Sphere.*

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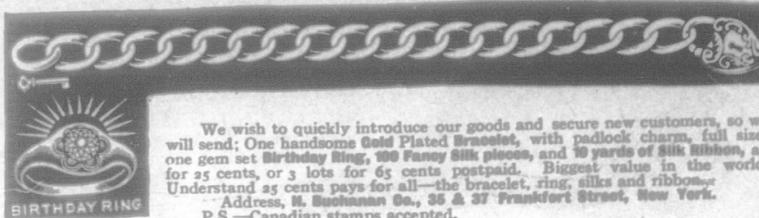
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