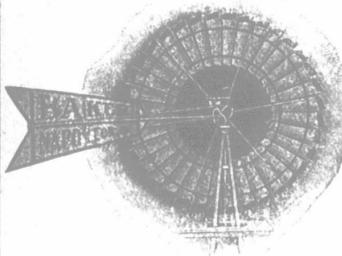


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Aged gelding, with failing teeth, has had a badly-swollen sheath for a month. A. W. G. C.

Ans.—This condition, like swollen legs, is due either to want of exercise, or old age. The system of old horses sometimes loses vigor to such an extent as to render such conditions common. I would advise you to get his teeth dressed by a competent veterinarian, give him a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and follow up with 1 dram iodide of potassium, twice daily, for two weeks, and after the purgative has ceased to act, give him regular exercise or work. V.

LAME HORSE.

Horse went lame in hind leg last May. My veterinarian diagnosed bone spavin, and treated him, without results. About the end of November. I took the horse to him again, and he treated his back tendons with blisters, but he is no better. He is quite lame all the time. He treads on his toe, and knuckles over at the fetlock joint. I have never been able to detect any heat or swelling. J. E. C.

Ans.—This is a case of obscure lameness, and very hard to diagnose, even by a personal examination. I am of the opinion your veterinarian was correct in diagnosing spavin at first. I think it is an occult spavin, one in which the true hock joint is involved, and in which no enlargement is present. Successful treatment is doubtful. I would advise firing and blistering the hock at once, in order that it may be healed in time for spring work. Do not be too greatly disappointed if even this does little or no good. V.

ENLARGED HOCK.

I recently wrote you re a weanling colt that was highly fed and allowed a little exercise every second day, having slipped on the ice and developing a bog spavin and thoroughpin. You recommended blistering. In the meantime, some of the bones of the hock protruded out of place as though enlarged. I blistered the hock and reduced the amount of grain, and the puffs disappeared, but the bony enlargements remain. I think the high feeding is responsible for the whole trouble, and do not think the colt will ever be a salable horse. A. J. S.

Ans.—High feeding and want of exercise predispose to swelling of the legs and puffy enlargements, but will not cause, or even predispose, to bony enlargements. No doubt the slipping was the exciting cause of the trouble. If there be bony enlargements, they will remain. If no lameness be present, leave alone, but if lame, repeat the blister. Is it not possible that you are mistaken in thinking there is enlargement of the bones? Time alone will tell whether or not he will make a salable animal. It would require a personal examination to enable a man to give an opinion on this point. V.

PARTIAL DISLOCATION OF PATELLA.

Eight-months-old colt got kicked on stifle. The swelling and lameness have disappeared, but there is a small, puffy swelling just below the joint, and the stifle bone seems to come out of place. He has a hitch when walking, and a crack can be heard at each step. J. D. G.

Ans.—The patella (stifle bone) slips partially out of place and in again. This causes the cracking sound. It is not probable he will ever be exactly right, but should make a useful animal. The joint should be blistered repeatedly, and the colt kept as quiet as possible. Get a blister of 1 1/2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the front and inside of the joint. Tie him so that he cannot bite the parts. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third day apply sweet oil. Turn loose in a box stall now and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, tie up and blister again, and after this blister once every month for three or four months. V.

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