THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Questions and Answers.

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to "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free. 2nd—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. 3rd—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, other-wise satisfactory replies cannot be given. 4th—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed. be enclosed.

Veterinary.

Congenital Abnormality.

When calf was born it had a soft, spungy lump extending from the base of the ear to the corner of the jaw, and somewhat along the neck. This lump has grown in proportion to the growth of the calf.

Ans.-As this growth is congenital it is not probable that any applications or the internal administration of medicines would cause its removal. Neither is it possible for any person to give a valuable idea as to its nature without an examination. It is possible that it might be safely dissected out by a veterinarian.

Fatality in Sheep.

When my sheep and some of my neighbor's were brought home, some of them were dull, poor and weak, and died in a few days. After death they turned a kind of green.

I. A. McD. Ans.-The facts indicate that the sheep did not receive sufficient nourishment while on pasture and were so weak when brought in that they could not revive. It is normal for the flesh of animals that have not been bled, to turn a greenish color after death. It would have required a careful post-mortem to enable a person to determine whether they a person to determine suffered from any special disease.

Crippled Pigs.

I have lost a number of pigs out of each of the last three litters. They are kept in a good pen with cement floor and get plenty of outdoor exercise. When about 2 months old they commence to get stiff in the legs, some in one, some in more, gradually they stiffen on all four legs and cannot get to the trough, but retain their appetites. After a while they die. I. I. B.

Ans.-As your pigs get regular exercise the trouble must be the cement floor A cement floor is all right in a pig pen where there is a wooden platform for the pigs to sleep on, but pigs that sleep on cement, even in warm weather usually become crippled, and show symptoms simulating those of acute rheumatism. Purge each with 1 to 2 oz. Epsom salts and follow up with 5 grains of salicylic acid three times daily. Feed on laxative food, see that they get regular exercise, and build a wooden platform for them to sleep on.

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