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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

#### REPEATED ATTACKS OF COLIC

Pregnant mare takes sick about every two weeks. Her bowels seem to roar, and she has difficulty in urinating, and her urine is of a yellowish color. Should I give her carrots and sweet nitre once weekly?

D. H. McK.

Ans.—These are attacks of colic. Some pregnant mares are particularly predisposed to such. Feed her very carefully, and give a sugar beet, turnip, or a couple of carrots, once every day. Feed on good hay, rolled oats and bran, in moderate quantities. To clear her urine, give 4 ounce saltpetre every night for 3 doses. Do not give sweet nitre unless she shows signs of pain, then give 2 ounces tincture of belladonna and 2 ounces sweet nitre in a pint of cold water. Repeat, if necessary, in 2 hours.

V.

#### RECURRENT LAMENESS.

While driving a Hackney mare, she went quite lame in fore leg. Next morning there was slight swelling and acute fever and soreness at fetlock joint and back tendons. Her temperature was increased, and breathing somewhat heavy and lameness acute. My veterinarian purged her, applied heat and liniments to the parts, and, after a time, bandaged. She recovered in about ten days. The second time I drove her after this she went lame in hind leg, with same symptoms, and yielded to the same treatment in about the same time. On September 20th, her other fore leg was affected in the same way. My veterinarian bled her, and after a few days purged her again, and treated about the same as before, but she has not quite recovered yet. Another veterinarian says the attacks are attacks of lymphangitis.

A. D. McG.

Ans.—Your veterinarian, no doubt, is correct. The attacks are sprains. It is hard to account for the repeated sprains, but the symptoms indicate sprain. Lymphangitis does not appear when horses are at exercise, and it does not cause the local symptoms noted. I think you are quite safe in leaving the mare in the care of your veterinarian. All that I can suggest in this case that does not yield to treatment, is the application of a blister on the back tendons and fetlock joint.

V.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### WORMS IN COLT.

Kindly give cure for pinworms in colt.

A. E. P.

Ans.—The age of your colt should be given. Take four drams each sulphate of iron, sulphate of copper, tartar emetic, and calomel; mix and make into twelve powders. Give him a powder every night and morning. After the last has been taken, give him a purgative of half a pint of raw linseed oil. Feed bran only for twenty-four hours after giving purgative.

##### PLANTING NUT TREES, ETC.

1. What time in the fall is the best for planting trees such as the butternut and the chestnut?
2. Are horse-chestnuts poisonous to man?
3. During what months of the year, if any, is it illegal to set out bush fires?
4. Where can I procure a copy of the Weeds' Act of Ontario?

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Ans.—1. Trees as butternut and chestnut can be transplanted in autumn as soon as the leaves have all fallen. It is considered safer to transplant such trees in the spring, before the buds have started to open.

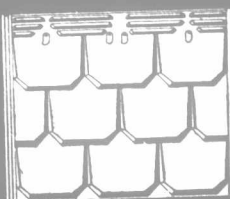
2. Horse-chestnuts contain a small amount of poisonous elements, but in small quantities they would not be considered dangerous. They are not edible, and would be very offensive to the taste.

3. The laws applying to the setting out of bush fires apply only to certain special districts, including all Northern Ontario, Parry Sound and Muskoka. In these fire districts it is illegal to set out fires during the period from May 1st to October 15th.

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