

CHAPTER XI.

PUPPY'S ACCIDENTS.

SCALDS, poisoning, burns, stings, dislocations, fractures, sprains, cuts, etc., are among the possibilities, but are most of them remote probabilities.

In these cases an expert should be secured at once. Till he is available, however, something may be done.

In all cases of poisoning, vomiting must be encouraged if it has begun or induced if it has not. "Rough on rats" (arsenic) is the cause of the death of many a dog and cat accidentally. Strychnine is often given to dogs in meat to poison them. The "poison fiend" cannot be held in too great reprobation; when a dog is to be killed for good reason, as to avoid prolonging a misery that cannot be relieved, the inhalation of chloroform is a sure and quick method.

The best emetics for the dog are sulphate of zinc, 15 to 20 grains, and wine of ipecac in teaspoonful doses every five minutes. If these are not to hand a few tablespoonfuls of olive oil may be poured down as this will shield the stomach and favour vomiting. White of egg answers a similar purpose. Strychnine causes convulsions or paralysis. Bromide of potassium or chloral hydrate is the best antidote in doses of 15 to 20 grains.