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**DAS—Interfering:** This name is used in the horse world when speaking of a horse hitting himself on the inside of the pastern joint, either on the inside of the pastern joint, either on the peak of the foreleg.

**Called cutting:** it is usually done with the side of the opposite foot. Cause of the blacksmith is many times wrong.

**Interfering:** usually caused by a shoe fully blanked for want of attention or skill in shoeing the horse, because he will interfere. There are some times when where a little observation and care on the part of the shoe would have prevented it. From such observation, however, I am satisfied that the chief cause lies in the weakness of the horse's particularly in the spring of the year. Horses well know that their horses should not interfere in the winter months.

When the weather was not oppressive, she was out in the yard, and no changes have been made in the shoe or manner of shoeing. Treatment: Feed Super Condition Powders. J. H. NARIWAAK—I have a young mare that seems to be all out of sorts; her hair stands right up, she has passed water, her appetite is very poor. Ans: Give her a few doses of Super Condition Powders, morning and evening, made in mash. Do this for three days, then give one pint of linseed oil in the morning. After she has been physically fed Super Condition Powders.

L. B.—I have a colt coming two years old, who has been lately rubbing, scratching, stamping, and biting at his legs as if something were annoying him. Ans: Your colt is troubled with lice. Treatment: Take of the liver of sulphur one ounce, cold water one pint. Mix the sulphur with the water and administer the portion the body at a time. If that is not effectual get bi-chloride of mercury thirty-two grains, cold water one

W. X.—I bought a nice horse about three months ago, and I have noticed one of his hind legs swell up every night and when I take him out in the morning the swelling goes away after he goes a mile or two. Ans: Use a wet dory cloth on the swelling, on the inside of the leg. Feed bran mashes or carrots, scalded oats, and Superior Condition Foods.

T. H.—I have a nice bay gelding inclined to be nervous and irritable. I have gone in the stable two or three times and found him excited and quivering, can't move and I can't make him. Ans: Your horse has cramped the hind leg. This is common among young horses of an irritable temper-

**system. Treatment:** Move the animal if it is possible, and the cramp will go away. The horse will get well if he is given him. Give him twenty-five drops of tincture of aconite every six hours for three doses.

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**SUICIDE.**

**An English Doctor Gives Some Statistics on the Subject.**

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Dr. Wm. Ogilvie read a paper on "Suicides in England and Wales" last night before the Statistical society. After stating that the number of deaths registered from 1858 to 1888 as being due to suicide amounted to 42,650, and was in the proportion of seven to one to the total number of persons living, the lecturer stated that the suicide rate increased rapidly with age until after middle life, but that it was more advanced ago the rate diminished.

At an age period, except for the 15-24 age group, the suicide rate was higher among the female, and the difference between them increased with age. Taking all ages together, the male suicides numbered 267 and the female 267 to 100. The occupations in which the suicides' rates were lowest were those which employed rough manual labor carried on mostly out of doors. The occupations with the highest suicide rates were those which employed men. The amount of suicides varied very definitely with the seasons, forming a regular annual curve, in which the minimum was in December, and the maximum was in June. The commonest method of suicide was hanging, then followed in order descending: cutting, stabbing, poison, and shooting. Women selected drowning before hanging, and men selected hanging before drowning. The method of suicide was also different from men in that

selections of poems, and the less and sure preparations, while we took any poison that was at hand.

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**A SEASONABLE ITEM.**—During the breaking up of winter, when the air is chilly and the weather damp, such complaints as rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sore throat, croup, and other painful effects of sudden cold, are prevalent. It is then that Hager's Yellow Oil is found truly valuable as a household remedy.

**A WISE CHOICE.**—In selecting a remedy for coughs and colds the wise choice is to take one that loosens the tough mucus clinging to the passages. Such a remedy is Hager's Pectoral Balsam, which promptly relieves all hard coughs and their troublesome effects.