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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

## LUMP JAW.

Steer had a lump on his jaw about two months ago. I had it opened a month ago, but it has grown again to about its former size.

J. H. W.

Ans.—This is lump jaw, and is not always curable. The iodide of potassium treatment has given the best results. This consists in giving iodide of potassium three times daily, commencing with dram doses, and daily increasing the dose by say 15 grains, until appetite and desire for water fail, tears run from the eyes, and saliva from the mouth. As soon as any of these symptoms appear, cease giving the drug. Repeat treatment in two months, if necessary. If pus forms, lance, and insert 10 grains corrosive sublimate, rolled in tissue paper, into the opening, and in a few days you will be able to pick out some detached tissue. Then dress daily with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid.

V.

## THRUSH.

My horse has thrush in fore feet. The frogs are practically rotting away. He stands on board floor, clear of all dirt. Give sause and cure.

W. A.

Ans.—The cause of thrush is the more or less continued presence of irritant material in the cleft of the frog. As your horse stands in a stall free from dirt, etc., the irritants must gain entrance when he is out of the stall, and are not removed. Some horses are so predisposed that slight exciting causes produce the disease. Clean the cleft of the frog out thoroughly, and keep it clean; remove all partially-detached horn, and dress with calomel once every second day, until all discharge ceases. Work the calomel well down to the bottom of the cleft. Neglected, or very severe cases, are liable to complications that require the personal attention of a veterinarian.

V.

## PARTIAL LUXATION OF PATELLA.

Colt, seven months old, got hurt about three months ago. The cap on stifle will not stay in, but comes out when he walks and goes back with a snap. It is different from luxation of the patella. I have blistered and painted with iodine without avail. Would it be well to place him in slings?

C. E. H.

Ans.—The patella becomes partially dislocated and slips back with a click. In all probability you will notice a puffy enlargement just below the joint on the front of the leg. It is not probable he will ever be right, but he should make a serviceable horse. It would not be wise to place him in slings. Repeated blistering is the best treatment. Keep him as quiet as possible in a box stall. Do not allow him out of the stall at all. Take 1½ drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, and mix with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the part; tie him so that he cannot bite it; rub well with the blister once daily for two applications; on the third day wash off and apply sweet oil; let his head down now, and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, blister again, and once monthly after this, until you can turn him out on grass.

V.

## HORSES COUGHING.

Young horses had distemper last winter, and this winter are coughing again.

1. Should the stable be disinfected, and how?
2. Is there any preventive measures?
3. What is the treatment for the disease?

D. McL.

Ans.—It is not probable your horses have a second attack of strangles or distemper.

1. It is good practice to disinfect stables after an outbreak of strangles. Sweep and dust thoroughly, then wash with a hot, five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid (the crude acid will do). Follow this with a thorough coat of hot lime wash with five-per-cent solution carbolic acid. It is good practice to give a second coat of whitewash.

2. The only preventive measures is prevent exposure of the virus.

3. Isolate; keep comfortable in well-ventilated stables; poultice the throats; open all abscesses as soon as ready; give internally 2 to 6 drams hyposulphite of soda three times daily. If complications arise, such as heavy breathing, failure to eat, etc., send at once for your veterinarian.

V.

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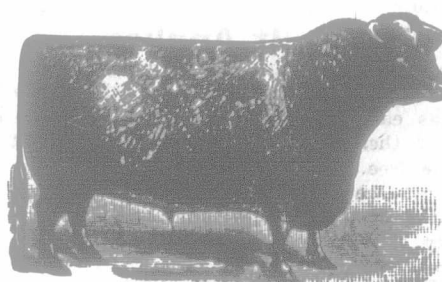
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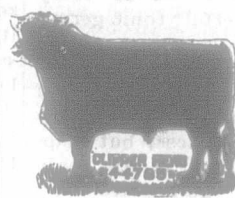
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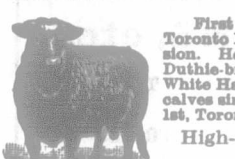
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