

Fistula and Poll Evil.—The simplest, as well as readiest cure for these two diseases, that ever came to my knowledge, is common table salt. My neighbor, Mr. Ramsburg, took a horse a few years ago, that had a fistula, and after every other effort had been made to cure him, without the least effect, he threw into the ulcer a handful of salt, and the good effect was soon perceptible. The salt was repeated every day or two, and in a short time a cure was perfected.

Last summer, I had a mare that had the poll evil, and I cured her also with salt applied in the same way. I put however, a small bit of red precipitate in the wound, twice. Both animals are at this time well and serviceable.

GEORGE BLESSING.

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Muffins.—Take three pints of flour, one pint of lukewarm water, one teacupful of baker's yeast, one great spoonful of sugar, one tea-spoonful of salt. Make up in the morning for tea or at night for breakfast.

Substitute for White Lead.—Take one bushel of unslacked lime, and slack it with cold water; when slacked add to it 20 lbs. of Spanish whiting, 17 lbs. of salt, and 12 lbs. of sugar. Strain this mixture through a wire sieve, and it will be fit for use, after reducing with cold water. This is intended for the outside of buildings, or where it is exposed to the weather. Two coats should be laid on wood, and three on brick. A whitewash brush may be used for laying it on, and each coat must be dried before the next is applied. This may be made any color you please. For straw color, instead of the whiting use yellow ochre; for lemon color, ochre and chrome yellow; for lead or slate color, lampblack; for blue, indigo; or green, chrome green.

To Cure the Scours in Horses.—Dissolve a piece of opium as large as a common sized chestnut in one pint of brandy, and pour it down from a bottle at one dose. I have given it, and ordered it in a number of cases and never knew it to fail to effect a final cure. Laudanum will answer the same purpose, if you can ascertain its strength so as to know how much to give.

R. BURRIT.

Prevention of Smut.—I have been soaking my seed wheat in bluestone (sulphate of copper),—1 lb. to 2 bushels, water enough to cover, leaving it in soak for about 24 hours and then rolling it in ashes, and have found this method a full preventive against smut. With the same effect I have tried for 5 bushels seed wheat, 1 lb. saltpetre, (nitrate potass,) 2 lbs. sulphate soda in crystals, (glauber salts,) 2 lbs. of copperas, (sulphate of iron,) and I never had smut in wheat when I used either of these preparations.

W. B.

Remedy for Ringbone.—Take half a pint of the best whale oil, and half a pound of best box raisins. Cut the raisins open and put them in the oil. Simmer both together (do not boil) till the raisins are hard and crispy. Apply the preparation to the ringbone once a day, rubbing it in well. It will last about two weeks, and one preparation will generally effect a cure. I tried this on a horse three years ago, that was quite lame; the bunch is still on his foot, but he has not been lame in the least degree since.

EATON,

East Weare, Hillsboro Co. N. H.—*Alb. Cult.*

To Destroy Ants.—"It so happened that a piece of camphor was laid in a drawer containing sugar, and which was sadly infested by ants. On opening it a few days afterwards, the bottom of the drawer was literally strewn with dead ants. The experiment was repeated with success—a small piece of camphor placed in a corner of the drawer being quite sufficient. Camphor dissolved in alcohol and diluted with water, might destroy them if sprinkled on trees or walls, or if poured into their nests."—[John J. Godfrey, Albany, N. Y. March 3, 1842.]

"Proteus" forgets where he met with the foregoing extract, neither has he tried it; but concluded from late numbers of the *Chronicle* that the destruction of ants is an object of interest to some of his fellow subscribers, he contributes his mite to their service.—*Gard. Chron.*

To Prevent the Creaking of Doors.—1. Apply a little soap to the hinges.

Take lard, soap, black lead, equal parts.

Black Copal Varnish.—Indigo, Prussian blue, blue verditer, or ultra marine. all these substances must be powdered fine.

To remove Crickets.—Put a little chloride of lime and powdered tobacco in their holes.

Jackson's Itch Ointment.—Lard, sulphur vivum, palm oil, white hellebore, equal parts. Mix.