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A Good Condition Powder.—Gentian, sulphate of iron, one part each ; ginger, saltpetre and foenugrek, one half part each. A tablespoonful three times a day.

A Good Blister.—The following is a prescription for a blister :—Powdered cantharides, 2 drachms; lard, 1½ ounces. Mix. Clip off the hair and rub in well for ten minutes.

Dandruff.—Dandruff is composed of the minute outer cells of the skin which flake off in little scales. There is nothing like elbow grease and a good brush for it.

Bots.—The presence of bots is only injurious to the horse when they are quite numerous and generally they may be present to a certain extent without doing any harm. The bot remains in a horse's stomach only from one summer till the next spring, when it passes away in the natural course of events. They may be removed by the administration of carbon bisulphide. It must be given in a capsule and on an empty stomach.

Bone Spavin.—The curing of a bone spavin is generally taken to mean the cure of the lameness. The removal of the enlargement is another thing and usually more difficult, but as the patient grows older the enlargement often grows smaller and may finally disappear. Bone spavins are often cured by firing, which is the time-honored and probably most certain way. Other means are blisters, tenotomy, patent remedies, etc.

Q.—Mare, 6 years old, is lame in left hind leg, and has been so for about six months. In making her stand over in stall she drags the foot, and is quite lame and stiff in the mornings. She rests nearly all on the other leg. Leg is not swollen.

A.—The symptoms point to spavin. Examine the hock carefully and compare it with the other one, and see if you can detect any enlargement at the lower part of the joint on the inside towards the front. A spavin will sometimes cause lameness months before any enlargement can be seen.

Bog Spavin.—**Q.**—What is the best way to cure a bog spavin in a colt 2 years old ?

A.—Clip off the hair over the swelling and rub in, for ten minutes, a blister composed of cantharides and lard 1 to 8. Tie the colt's head short for 24 hours, so that he cannot lick the blister off. At the end of that time wash off the blister and smear the part with lard. Repeat the blister every ten days until the bog spavin is cured.