

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Anna Polla Valley Agriculturist.

We invite contributions, criticisms and questions bearing on agricultural and horticultural and will be glad to answer the latter, or will undertake to have them answered by experts. We want to make this a helpful corner of the Monitor and one that only helps farmers but, what will be of greater benefit, one by the farmers. (Ed.)

The Mare and the Foal.

As foaling time is approaching, a few words to mare and foal may be out of place. A good practice to feed the mare liberally on easily-digested food, of which bran forms a large portion, and her regular exercise in the light until she is nearly dry. In many cases mares are worked until they are nearly dry, and this is a bad practice. During the period of gestation, it is a mistake to give the mare any food that is difficult to digest, as it may cause colic. The mare should be kept in a moderate, well-ventilated stall, with boxes or mangers, in which she may drop the foal, as occasionally a mare retains the standing position until the very last moment. The mare should be kept scrupulously clean, and it is a good practice to scatter slacked lime over the stall and surrounding area during it out. This acts well as a disinfectant and antiseptic. The attendant should be clean and should wear a stable apron and an eight-ounce bottle containing fifteen grains corrosive sublimate and eight ounces pure water, also a soft, strong string, and a knife. When the symptoms indicate that parturition is about to take place, the attendant should be carefully watch. This precaution is wise for various reasons. For instance, some abnormality may be present in either dam or foetus which will retard or possibly prevent parturition, and if not rectified promptly will endanger the life of one or both; the offspring may be born enclosed in the membrane, and these, if not promptly ruptured, will suffocate. Instantly the mare should be checked with her teeth, but if labor has been protracted or severe she will use her teeth for a minutes, she should live, and the foal will succumb before she gives it attention; the umbilical cord must not sever, but usually the case when the membranes (either ruptured or intact) are expelled with the foetus. These and other reasons, we think, are sufficient to make it wise to watch the mare that is about to bring forth young. The attendant should be a careful and intelligent person, who has some knowledge of the phenomena about to take place. He should be as quiet as possible, and endeavor to avoid excitement of an angry or a nervous nature, or of a man who can see her. If the act is taking place in a normal manner, he should not interfere, but if at any time after labor, pains are noticed, they continue and no progress towards delivery is noticed, he should endeavor to ascertain the cause of delay. If, having discovered the cause, he knows the mare and still cannot deliver the foal, he should not attempt to do this, he should send for an obstetrician at once, as unskillful interference often complicates matters and renders the services of the obstetrician unavailable. While interference is often necessary, it is unwise to interfere until the symptoms clearly indicate that such is necessary. The severity and character of labor differ greatly in different cases, and we should allow nature to accomplish the act if possible.

In many cases of easy parturition, the fetus is born in the membranes, and when this occurs, the attendant should be ready to assist. The membranes must be ruptured at once, and the young animal exposed, the umbilical cord must be removed from the mare's mouth and eyes, and a soft, strong cord should be slipped over the umbilical cord (navel string) and cut at about an inch below that in all cases where the cord is not severed during parturition. This should be done in an attempt to interfere until the foal is free to care now for a time, it should be rubbed with warm water or hay, or warm cloth until dry. When it tries to rise it should be assisted, and it is dangerous to handle a mare, but a tickle of her nose will usually bring her to her feet. If the mare is restless and she is in getting the first suck. If too weak to stand, it requires two men, one to hold the hind parts and the other to free the mare from the neck. This should be done at least every hour until it gains sufficient strength to help itself. If the mare is vicious, a twitch applied for a few minutes during suckling will usually suffice. Horse breeders are aware that large numbers of foals are lost every year by a disease called "ill or navel ill." This is due to the entrance of a microbe into the circulation by the umbilical cord, and the intention to rub with the ground or in the stable, hence the advisability of cleanliness as already mentioned. There is practically no cure for the disease, hence it is wise to adopt preventive measures. As soon as convenient after the mare has calved, it is a good practice to wash the daily until the opening is healed. This prevents the disease by destroying the microbe if present. Then again, breeders know that many foals die from what is usually called "conspiration." This is really a retention of the mucus (the contents of the intestines at birth) in a ball of a dark, almost black color, and of a sticky consistency. The balls are often so large that they cannot pass through the anus. The administration of purgatives is always dangerous to the mare, and especially so in these cases, as while they liquify the contents of the intestine, they do not act on the contents of the rectum, where the trouble exists. It is good practice in all cases, instead of giving medicine by the mouth, to oil the fore finger, insert it carefully into the rectum, and remove all the mucus that can be reached, then inject a little warm water and repeat this three or four times daily until the foetus that pass are yellow, which tells us that mucus has all passed when the danger will be over. In rare cases it is wise to give a little navel oil, but drastic purgatives should never be given. The mechanical removal of the mucus, if done promptly, will usually suffice, and will save the life of the mare, and as she passes through the rectum, it is all passed in about 24 hours after birth. Notes should also be taken to see that the navel is free from the normal canal. If this canal be not perforated, the foal will die through the umbilical opening, and if the cord be tied the foal will not be able to remove it. When conditions of the kind are noticed, a veterinarian should be called in at once, to take a culture and to clean the fold of the membrane that occludes the exit from the bladder.—"Whip" in Farmer's Advocate.

A New Method of Milking.

Dr. Andrews writes to the Halifax Herald as follows: A new method of milking which is the invention of the dairymen of that country and awakening favorable comment in the agricultural papers, is stated that it increases the yield of milk from one to three pounds of milk per cow per day. The following description is written in order that it may be tested by the farmers of these provinces.

To Cure a Cod in the Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets on every other day. Five Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, C. H. Brown, on every box, 25c.

Social Investment at Home in a Rich Mining Property.

The Eastern National Copper Company, Limited, whose Gold and Copper Deposits are at Cheticamp, Cape Breton, is capitalized at \$500,000. The Board of Directors of eight includes some of the Best Known and Most Reputable Business men of Halifax, who have become members of this company, confident that the property it has acquired is one of the most valuable in Canada, and situated in one of the most promising mining districts in America. The mining areas purchased by the Eastern National Copper Company, Limited, have been thoroughly prospected and have undergone expert examination by trustworthy engineers during the past eighteen months. It has been on the evidence of mining men competent to testify as to the worth of the property that many have already been satisfied to subscribe for stock, believing that they were joining in an enterprise giving promise of large returns and that their shares would assuadably advance in value as the development operations proceeded.

The company is now blocking out a Body of Copper Ore estimated to contain 160,000 TONS. The average result of the tests so far made to determine the Value of the Ore is ELEVEN DOLLARS PER TON, and when the work now under way is completed it is calculated that there will be ORE IN SIGHT to the Value of \$1,600,000.

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Applications for stock should be addressed to ALFRED BENNETT & CO., 16 Prince Street - Halifax, N. S. Copies of the Prospectus and any information respecting the foregoing proposition may be obtained from ALFRED BENNETT & CO., or from EASTERN NATIONAL COPPER CO., Ltd. 16 Prince St. - - Halifax, N. S.

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KEEPING BACK THE AGE LINE.

It is generally considered that American women have increased in vitality during the last half century, and it is conspicuous in women over forty. The well kept matron of 1903 is fuller of figure and brighter of eye than the matron of 1853. She has pushed the age line about ten years and she can make that ten years. The first step must be to take account of the state of one's health and hereditary tendencies; then find some special work to do, and do it.

If I have not a profession, have a hobby. I know a man who fought disease for years with a strawberry patch. One woman kept humming birds. These birds added a dozen years to her life. The day when she realizes that she is a woman in the prime of her life, and that she can do it, she can do it. Think of the people who at seventy or seventy-five were in the full tide of vigorous usefulness.

The talk about delights of childhood and youth is nonsense. There is suffering then, too, but in it we find our joy. The joys of youth are not in the joys of the fruits of experience as we find them in the joys of youth. Body and soul are one. The joys of youth are not in the joys of the fruits of experience as we find them in the joys of youth.

Act up your part—the all the honor lies, and on that depends more than a woman knows to concede. Be true to us, as we are honest with ourselves. A picture that calls attention to the spare hair, a pink waist and a faded dress is better than a picture that calls attention to the spare hair, a pink waist and a faded dress.

FARMS WANTED. I have a small number of farms. If you have a farm for sale either in acre or cash and we will be glad to purchase it. Write to the editor, 100 King Street, New York, N. Y. OLIVER S. MILLER, 100 King Street, New York, N. Y.

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One Common Cause for Headache. Perhaps the most general cause of headache and pain around the eyes is nasal catarrh. The simplest cure is to inhale the medicated vapor of Catarrhine which is a reliable and safe remedy. It acts directly on the mucous membrane of the nose and throat, and relieves the inflammation. Catarrhine is a natural product and is perfectly safe. It is sold by all druggists and chemists. Price, 50c per bottle. Write to the manufacturer, Catarrhine Co., Kingston, Ont.

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Down in Dixie. Amid the Singing Flies Away from Fred and Cole. Do You Belong? If you have various ailments in the stomach, a bad taste in the mouth, headache, remember that ten drops of Nerville's Digestive is a sure cure. It is a quick and certain cure. Nerville's Digestive, dispels the gas, makes you comfortable and free from all ailments. It is a sure cure for indigestion, flatulence, and all ailments of the stomach. Write to the manufacturer, Nerville's Digestive Co., New York, N. Y.

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