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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

COW POX.

Cow had small sores on teat last fall. They appeared like blisters, burst, and left sores and scabs. My other cow contracted the same. I milked the affected one first, and then the other. This spring, after calving, the trouble has re-appeared. J. C.

Ans.—This is cow pox, and is contagious. Milk the sound cow first, and then be sure to thoroughly wash and disinfect your hands before next milking. Dress the spots three times daily with an ointment composed of four drams boracic acid; twenty drops carbolic acid, and two ounces vaseline. V.

COW POX.

We have two grade Jerseys with sore teats. Small lumps appear, break and form scabs, and refuse to heal. T. J. G.

Ans.—This is pox, and the virus is easily carried from a diseased to healthy cows, hence the same person should not milk them. Get an ointment made of four drams boracic acid, twenty drops carbolic acid and two ounces vaseline. Dress the sore parts three times daily with this, and milk very carefully. If the teats become very sore, use a teat syphon (a milking tube), carefully dipping it in boiling water each time before using. V.

UNTHRIFTY COW.

Cow in good condition commenced to fall about a week after calving. She has lost her appetite, and gives very little milk. J. B.

Ans.—It is probable she ate the after-birth, and in some cases this interferes with health. If she is not too weak, give her a purgative of one pound Epsom salts and one ounce ginger. If very weak, do not purge. Give her one dram each sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nux vomica three times daily in a pint of cold water as a drench. In addition give separately four drams hypsulphite of soda in half a pint of cold water as a drench three times daily. If she will not eat, you must drench her with boiled flaxseed and ale to sustain and nourish her. V.

SKIN DISEASE AND FEEDING.

1. Mare has lumps the size of peas on neck and back. They are itchy, and when the scab is picked off, the hair also comes. G. J. C.

2. With oats at 55c. per bushel; wheat bran, \$21 per ton; corn meal, \$28.30 per ton; shorts, \$22 per ton; middlings, \$22 per ton; linseed meal, \$33, what shall I feed my horses for a grain ration? Horses weigh about 1,350 lbs. each.

3. How soon after farrowing may a sow be bred? G. J. C.

Ans.—1. Pick the scabs off, and dress the raw surface with butter of antimony once daily for three days; follow up by dressing three times daily with carbolic acid, one part; sweet oil, twenty parts.

2. Feed about five quarts of oats each feed, and give a gallon of bran extra at night twice weekly.

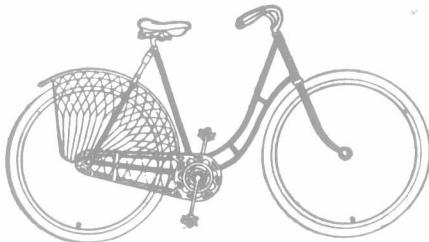
3. It is not wise to breed in less than six or eight weeks after farrowing; if the litter has nursed, not till after the pigs are weaned. V.

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Lansing, Mich.

July, 1904.

Chief Justice Moore "hits the nail on the head" when he says the bicycle affords an excellent method of overcoming distance. In this connection it is a matter of surprise to us that people living in the country do not use more bicycles. There is nothing on the list so useful on a farm as the bicycle.



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Miscellaneous.

BEDDING ON CONCRETE FLOOR.

Would you, in a warm barn with cement floor, advise bedding the cattle, or having stand swept clean? L. C. R.

Ans.—Certainly keep them bedded; it is more necessary on concrete than wooden flooring, the former being colder and more liable to become slippery; besides the bedding absorbs the liquid manure, and makes the best of fertilizer.

Mr. Geo. Miller, of Gregory, Texas, formerly of Markham, Ont., in renewing his subscription to the "Farmer's Advocate," writes: "South-west Texas is in fine shape; an abundance of green grass and cattle all in fine shape. This firm, J. F. Green & Co., are shipping a train-load of fat steers to market each week; have been shipping at that rate for two months, and will not get them all out until July. These steers have never seen any feed, except the natural pastures in their natural state, and are good enough to top the Fort Worth market quite frequently. They are mostly grade Short-horns. I am glad to say that the color craze seems to be broken in Texas. A few years ago roans were almost unknown here, and could scarcely be sold at any price. So seldom were they seen that many farmers got the idea that anything that was not all red could not be a pure-bred Shorthorn; but so successful have been the roans brought to Texas in the last five years at the fairs and fat-stock shows, that now very few object to that color, and some buyers insist on having roans. Mr. Green was very successful with Shorthorns in Southern Cattle Department at St. Louis World's Fair, winning nine first prizes and four championships, principally with Canadian-bred cattle. Corn in this section is now knee high, and looks very promising. Cotton not all planted yet."

A cheerful face, a contented mind, a grateful heart, belong to those who give their confidence and love and loyal service to the Lord Jesus Christ. His true disciples take no anxious thought for the morrow, and are profoundly grateful for to-day and yesterday. This is true even when yesterday was full of trouble, and to-day is a hard problem, and the morrow promises a storm. Yes; they give thanks always, for all things.—George Hodges.

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