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Spavin Lameness.

Mare goes quite lame on one hind leg for a few steps after she has been standing, but the lameness disappears as she progresses. There is no visible enlargement on the joint.

J. F. V.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate lameness from occult (blind) spavin. These spavins are very hard to heal successfully. In many cases the lameness cannot be cured. It will be wise to get your veterinarian to fire and blister the joint. If lameness continues, repeat the firing in eight or ten months.

V.

Indigestion.

Cow took sick, failed in milk supply, appetite failed, and she became dull. I called a good stockman to see her, and he said she had "horn distemper." He bled her horns and injected turpentine into them and cut the end off her tail.

E. E. H.

Ans.—This man may be a "good stockman," but his ideas of veterinary medicine and surgery are ridiculous. The cow had indigestion. She should have been purged with 1½ lbs. Epsom salts and 1 ounce ginger, and this followed by 2 drams nux vomica three times daily, and good food.

V.

Weak Cow.

Cow had indigestion about January 1st. I treated her and she got all right. In a week she calved, and now her hind ankles knuckle as though they are weak. The calf was all right at first, but now seems to be paralyzed and cannot rise.

J. E. M.

Ans.—The knuckling is doubtless due to weakness. Mix equal parts sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nux vomica, and give her a tablespoonful three times daily, and feed well. Give the calf all the new milk it will take, and give five grains nux vomica three times daily.

V.

Urinary Trouble.

Horse after urinating voids a thick, creamy-like substance. He suffered from chronic indigestion for a time, but is over that now. I have been giving him condition powders, and he is in fair condition and feels well. He is in better condition than he was a year ago. He shakes his head considerably when standing in the stable.

M. S.

Ans.—His kidneys are slightly inactive. Give him a tablespoonful of nitrate of potassium once daily in damp food for three or four days. The shaking of the head is simply a habit. It is very hard to check, and not serious.

V.

Lump Jaw.

Cow has a hard lump on jaw. I cannot be sure whether it is attached to the bone or not. The throat appears to be enlarged.

L. W.

Ans.—This is lump jaw. Give her iodide of potassium three times daily. Commence with one-dram doses, and increase the dose by one-half dram daily until she refuses food and water, fluid runs from eyes and mouth, and the skin becomes scruddy. When any of these symptoms become well marked, cease giving the drug. If necessary, repeat treatment in three months. If the bone be not involved, the quickest method of treatment is to dissect the tumor out. It will be wise to get a veterinarian to operate.

V.

Tumors.

Stallion that is worked regularly all summer has little hard lumps the size of beans just beneath the skin of his shoulders. When idle they do not trouble him, but when worked they become sore and break.

S. N.

Ans.—These are little fibrous tumors. The only successful treatment is dissection. Each little tumor must be carefully dissected out, and the wound then dressed three times daily with an antiseptic, as a five-percent solution of carbolic acid. Local application will not remove the tumors. While a handy man who has sufficient nerve and some skill, might be able to operate, it is usually wise to employ a veterinarian for such cases.

V.

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