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Ouestions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Sequel to Distemper.

Horse had the distemper. It now seems hard for him to breathe; makes noise in nostrils only; no cough, but has slight nasal discharge: sometimes does not breathe thus, other times does so as soon as started. J. C. S.

last long now that hot weather is here. Do not stand him in drafts, and do not turn out to pasture in cold rains. Unless he develops a cougn treatment will not likely be necessary. If it continues, call in your veterinarian.

Gapes in Chicks.

My young chickens are dying from what I believe is gapes. This is the third year in succession they have died from apparently the same cause. Chicks seem healthy when hatched. Fed them according to an article published in the April issue of "The Farmer's Advocate," and they grow well. I also gave them all the buttermilk they would drink. After about sixteen days old they togan to die. I whitewashed coops well with line, could find no lice, but they would sneeze incessantly. Have been using a few drops of turpentine in the feed since they got sick, and put them in coop and smoked with sulphur several tines; did not seem to do much good; also used poultry food. Coops are not on the same ground as other years, but chicks can run over the ground that was used last year. Chicks were all hatched from hens. Did not use all our own eggs for setting, so I feel it cannot be the trouble is in the eggs. After opening chicks I found from five to seven worms in windpipe. Have heard it is caused from raising the chicks on the same ground year after year, but the first year we had trouble we had them on ground where chicks never were raised. My neighnors have set eggs laid from the same hens I did, and have had no trouble. They used water instead of butterhilk for drink. Last year the late chicks did not seem so bad as the early ones, and it is May hatchings that l have this year. Could you tell me the cause, and a prevention, if any, for a cure has been impossible for me? S.K.

Ans .- Many treatments have teen recommended for gapes, some of which are more or less satisfactory. The disease usually makes its appearance in chickens from four to eight weeks old, and rarely attacks birds over three or four months chicken individually, perhaps the some down at the all but moisten it (not soak it) in turpentine. After moistening the feather, open the chick's mouth and put the feather down the windpipe. Be sure to get it down the windpipe and not down the throat. This operation will cause the bird to sneeze, which, in most cases, will expel the worms from the throat. Some claim that the turpentine kills the worms: others, that it simply causes them to relax their hold. A good preventive is to add a little campher to the drinking water, giving no other water to drink All that is required is sufficient camphor to flavor the water. The general belief is that gape worms are due to filthy conditions, and feeding in damp places Some believe earthworms cause the disease. It is a fact that where chickens are kept off the ground until eight weeks of age little trouble is ever had from the disease. Where gapes have appeared in the flock, it is advisable to put the chickens on new ground the next year, and to thoroughly lime and plow the old runs. Keep the coops and yards clean and dry. Keep on giving butter-milk to drink. It cannot possi'ly cause the trouble.

Ans .- This condition is not likely to

old. Where time can be taken to treat each best thing to do is to strip a feather of



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