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Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Weak in Stifle.

Colt is weak in the stifle. B. P.
Ans.—Teach it to stand tied, and then blister the front and inside of the joint. Keep as quiet as possible in a comfortable box stall, except when tied up during the blistering. It usually requires several months' treatment. For details for blistering, see answer to S. R. C., this issue. V.

Lame Horse.

Driver has shown a little lameness since last spring, and is gradually getting worse. I have just discovered a puffy swelling on front of hock. S. R. C.

Ans.—This is a bog spavin. These sometimes cause lameness. Get a blister made of two drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts. Tie so that he cannot bite them. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third day apply sweet oil and turn loose in a box stall. Oil every day until the scale comes off, and then tie up and blister again. If necessary, repeat again in a month. V.

Bull With Cough, Etc.

1. For about eighteen months my bull has had a cough. It is more noticeable when he is eating. His breathing is labored, and has been worse these hot autumn days.

2. Eight-months-old bull calf has of late been carrying his tail elevated as though there was some irritation in the rectum. He is doing well, and apparently healthy. L. A. W.

Ans.—1. This indicates tubercular trouble, probably of the glands of the throat. The only means of diagnosis is to have him tested with tuberculin by a veterinarian. If he be tubercular nothing can be done. If the test proves him non-tubercular, give him 2 drams powdered opium, 2 drams solid extract of belladonna, 1 dram camphor, and 40 grains digitalis, in a quart of warm water as a drench twice daily.

2. As the calf is doing well, this is probably simply a habit. If it be due to irritation, the injection of 1 ounce laudanum in 1 pint of warm water will allay it temporarily. He may have piles. It will be well to have him examined by a veterinarian, as he may be able to locate the trouble if there be any structural derangement. V.

Miscellaneous.

Keeping Cider Sweet.

Could you kindly inform me, though, if there is anything that can be put in cider to keep it sweet an indefinite length of time? L. V. B.

Ans.—Heat the cider until it comes to the boiling point (it will overflow quickly if allowed to boil hard), then fill the jars as with fruit, and seal. The cider will remain fresh and sweet so long as the jars are kept air-tight.

Ethics of a Shooting Match.

As I am a reader of "The Advocate," like a good many others I am coming to you for help. I want to ask you if one should have a shooting match with their turkeys, would it be an honest way to sell them? Then, again, what preparation would be necessary? A READER.

Ans.—As lineal descendants of Adam, we all have the advantages and disadvantages which accrued from his eating "The Apple," carrying with it the knowledge regarding right and wrong. However, heredity environments and education decide for each and everyone what is right and what is wrong. It is a matter of one's own conscience, which develops differently in every person, for the reasons mentioned. As regarding the law of the case, we don't think you would be interfered with, yet we should not like to advise you whether it would be right or wrong to sell your turkeys by way of a shooting match. To us it looks like a game of chance, and chance games are not good business. Better sell the turkeys for the highest price obtainable on an open market.

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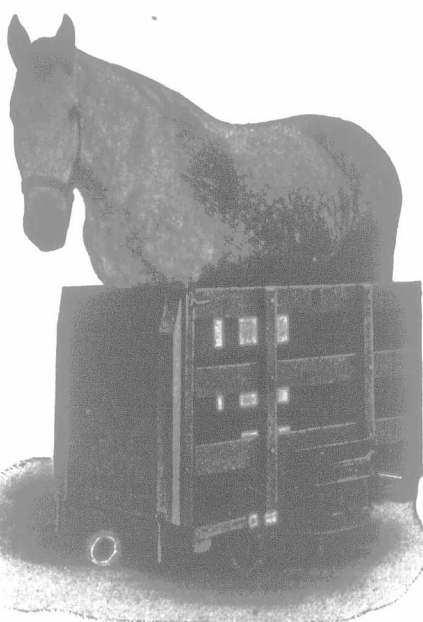
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