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Twelve-year-old mare developed a ringhone about a year ago. Do you think it would be safe to breed her? L. B. B.

Ans.-Either mares or stallions with ringbones, or kindred bone diseases, are very liable to produce foals with a congenital predisposition to the same diseases. Of course, all foals produced by diseased parents do not become diseased, but a large percentage does, hence the practice of breeding from such is generally condemned.

#### AZOTURIA. ETC.

Mare stood in the stable, and was fed on hay and oats for two weeks. I hitched her, and after driving two miles she became stiff; I drove her two miles further and she was better. I let her stand in a stable for two hours and then drove her home. What can I do to prevent a further attack, and how should reat her if she has one?
2. One of my fat cattle occasionally

loses his appetite and takes diarrhoea. When I cease feeding turnips, chopped oats and barley the diarrhoa ceases.

3. Skin in front of mare's hock is cracked and it exudes a yellowish fluid. J. H.

Ans.-This was an attack of a disease called azoturia, due to standing idle and being well fed, and then given exercise. It is exceptional for an animal to get better when exercise is continued after symptoms of the disease appears. Prevention consists in giving regular exercise. Treatment consists in unhitching at the first symptoms, getting her into the nearest stable, giving a purgative, applying mustard over the loins, and blanketing warmly. Give two drams iodide of potassium every four hours for four or five doses, and allow her to stand idle for about three days. If she falls down and cannot rise, send at once for your veterinarian, as it will require treatment according to complications.

2. I think the diarrhoa is due to the turnips, and the loss of appetite to the diarrhœa. Some cattle cannot eat turnips with impunity. Cease feeding turnips, and it is probable that you will have no trouble.

3. This is sallanders, and is very hard to cure. Dress the wound once daily with butter of antimony applied with a feather, for four applications. Then dress three times daily with oxide of zinc ointment. Allow her to stand as quiet as

## SALLANDERS ETC

1. Mare had hind leg injured in front of hock. It did not heal, but began to discharge a fætid matter, and proud flesh formed. She has also capped hock. Heavy mare has very hairy legs. They are very itchy and sore, and one broke out in front of hock.

3. Cow has a large lump on her throat just beneath the skin. H. E. H.

Ans.-1. This is called sallanders, and, on account of the motion of the joint, is very hard to cure. Keep her as quiet as possible. Apply butter of antimony with a feather once daily until all proud flesh disappears, then apply oxide of zinc ointment three times daily. The capped hock is also hard to reduce. If there is serum present it must be lanced. If no fluid is present rub well once daily with a liniment composed of four drams each resublimed iodine crystals and iodide of potassium, and four ounces each of glycerine and alcohol.

2. Treat hock the same as No. 1. Purge with nine drams aloes and two drams ginger. Follow up with one and one-half ounces Fowler's solution of arsenic twice daily every alternate week. Dress the itchy legs twice daily with corrosive sublimate, 20 grains to a quart of water. The hair must be parted and the liquid applied to the skin, and draughts and cold excluded until the legs become dry. Horses with coarse hair and beefy legs are particularly predisposed to this condition, and it is very hard to combat.

3. This may be actinomycosis (lump jaw), or a fibrous tumor. As it has no bony connection it should be carefully dissected out, the skin stitched up, with the exception of an opening at the lowest part for the escape of pus, and the cavity flushed out three times daily with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid.

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