

favors contracted heels. Frog pressure tends to cure them. Let your horse go barefoot, if possible; if shoes are required, let them be as thin and flat as possible, to allow the frog to touch the ground. Let the horse stand on an earthen floor if possible; if not, pack them frequently with clay or linseed meal poultice. To stimulate the growth of a larger hoof the coronet should be blistered at intervals of two weeks with a fly blister. If this treatment is carried out the feet will gradually improve in size and shape.

Strained Tendon.—Q.—I have a horse, seven years old, driver, walks lame in fore feet after being driven, stands with the off foot forward when in stable; also keeps lifting it every now and again. Think it might be a strained tendon.

A.—If the tendons are swollen and tender, bathe them in water as hot as can be borne, then dry them, rub in a little tincture of arnica and bandage the leg with a dry woollen bandage. If the tendons are not sore to the touch, blister them by rubbing in for ten minutes an ointment composed of 2 drachms powdered cantharides and one and a half ounces of lard. Rub in vigorously after clipping off the hair. Do not use the horse until fully recovered or the strain may become worse again.

Laminitis—Sore Feet.—Q.—Have a mare, 4 years old, that got an over-feed of ground wheat; next day was very stiff, but in three days was perfectly over it as far as I could see, until three weeks ago, when I noticed her a little stiff, and she has gotten worse. For about five minutes after she gets up she seems to be in great pain in front, which she shows by crossing her fore legs, first one, then the other. If driven a mile or so, can scarcely notice it on her.

A.—Soreness in the feet is a common sequel to an over-feed of wheat, and often remains a permanent condition. Your mare is young and has a good chance of getting over it. Let her stand on an earthen floor in place of planks, or if that is not attainable, keep her feet cool and moist by stuffing them with linseed meal made into a stiff mass with water. A good sharp fly blister applied to the coronets will have a good effect in removing the soreness.

Q.—I have a horse, 5 years old in the spring. A year ago last summer he took lung fever and has been stiff ever since in his front feet. He stumbles badly when he strikes his toe. He is quite fleshy now and very healthy. The cords in the back of his legs are generally swollen, and worse when working.

A.—This horse seems to be affected with chronic laminitis, or soreness in the feet, and suffers also from tenderness in the back tendons. You should avoid working him anywhere except on soft land. Do not use him on the road. Keep him shod with a large heavy shoe without caulks, so that the frog can reach the ground. If you can give him a run on the pasture after the spring work is over, it will do him a lot of good. In that case take his shoes off. The swollen tendons are best treated by hot fomentations, followed by rubbing in some liniment.