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BOG SPAVIN AND THOROUGHPIN AND LAME MARE.

1. Ten-months-old colt has puffs on both sides and in front of hock. He is

2. Seven-year-old mare goes lame on one fore foot on hard roads, or when she steps on something hard. J. N. Ans.-1. This is bog spavin and thoroughpin. Get the following blister: 11 drams each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ozs. vase-Tie the colt so that he cannot bite the parts. Clip the hair off; rub the blister well in. In 24 hours rub well again with the blister, and in 24 hours longer wash off, and apply sweet oil. Let his head loose now, and oil every day, until the scale comes off. Repeat the blistering once every month for 4 or 5 times, even though the puffs disappear, as, unless this be done, they will probably reappear. Keep him in the stable

2. This may be due to ringbone, and if so, will need to be fired and blistered by a veterinarian. I think it probably due to navicular disease, and if so, a cure cannot be effected, but by blistering the coronet all around the hoof once monthly the same as No. 1, and giving her a long rest the symptoms will improve. If you cannot give rest, put on a bar shoe, and poultice the foot every night.

for a week each time after blistering.

LYMPHANGITIS, ETC.

1. Mare had lymphangitis in January. How can I prevent a future attack? 2. Will grease heel turn to grease leg or lymphangitis?

3. Sow had a litter of pigs. We have bred her three times since, but she will not conceive. J. B. O.

Ans-1. By giving her exercise every day, and feeding lightly on bran instead of oats when not doing much, she is not likely to suffer again, as the disease is usually preceded by a day or more rest and good food.

2. Grease heel is fortunately rarely seen. It is very hard to treat, and is liable to extend and involve the leg, but will not turn into lymphangitis. It is probable you mean cracked heels or scratches. If so, and it is of long standing, dress once daily for three applications with butter of antimony, applied with a feather; then poultice for two days and nights with a warm linseed meal poultice. Apply a iresh poultice every 5 or 6 hours. Then get the following lotion, and apply three times daily, viz., 1 oz. each sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, 2 drams carbolic acid, and 1 pint water.

3. I cannot suggest anything, as the sow is too small to operate on. I would advise you to feed her for the butcher. She may breed after getting a run on

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