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2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.

3rd.—In Veterinary questions; the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.

4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

Veterinary.

Joint III.

Colt did well until five weeks old, when it became dull and lame in one hind leg and died in a few days. I opened its joints and found dark jelly-like substance all around. G. S.

Ans.—This was joint ill, which is due to a germ that gains entrance through the navel. It is seldom that it occurs in so old a colt, but it sometimes does. It is very hard to treat and requires treatment that can be given only by a veterinarian, which is frequently unsuccessful. Prevention consists in dressing the mavel as soon as possible after birth and several times daily afterwards until entirely healed with a strong antiseptic as a solution of corrosive sublimate, 15 grains to 8 ozs. of water.

Capped Elbow--Abscess in Mammae. 1. Horse has a shoe boil. If cured, will it occur again?

2. After I weamed my mare's foal last fall, an abscess formed on her mammae but it got all right. She did not conceive last year. Would you advise breeding her again? R. E. V.

Ans.-1. This is caused by the horse lying with the elbow pressing upon the heel of the shoe. It should be lanced freely at the lowest part to allow escape of the fluid, and then the cavity flushed out three times daily until healed with a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid. If a fibrous tumor forms (as is sometimes the case), it should be dissected out by a veterinarian. The trouble will recur unless the cause is removed. This can be done by removing the shoes or wearing what is called "a shoe boil" pad, which you should be able to get at any first-class harness maker's shop.

2. You say the mammae became all right after the abscess healed; hence, there is no reason why it would not be wise to breed again.

Gossip.

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