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Ans.-1. A five-per-cent, solution of carbolic acid, or the same percentage of creolin, make good disinfectants for poultry-houses and all such buildings of which you speak. In the case of the hen-coops, etc., you would have more lasting effect from a mixture of whitewash, also containing a five-per-cent solution of the carbolic acid, which gives very good results. Burn sulphur in the hen-house after shutting up the doors and windows, the fumes, like those from the carbolic acid or creolin, find their way into the cracks and crevices where the vermin may be located.

2. One teaspoonful of muriatic acid to a quart of water is generally given to diseased fowls when it is administered. It is not an established fact, however, that muriatic acid is a remedy for blackhead in turkeys. If you find it introduced into your flock, do not depend upon the muriatic acid alone to rid your flock of the disease, but destroy or isolate the affected ones at once. Would not advise giving muriatic acid in the water until some symptoms of the diaease appeared.

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Ans.-Switching and kicking often go together in a high-spirited, mean-tempered animal. It is not an easy matter to break these habits once they have developed in a young horse.

Correspondents to "The Farmer's Advocate" have, from time to time, recommended different means of curing horses of switching. A thick crupper is said to prevent switching in some animals. Wrap the ordinary leather crupper until it is four or five inches thick. Some advocate working the animal down in flesh on a small ration, but this is not always practicable, and with a good horse the owner does not care to see him get thin, A switching crupper may be made of iron, and covered with leather, but this has a tendency to provoke more kicking. An Oxford County horseman some time ago reported success with both switching and kicking by putting a straight bit in the animal's mouth, putting on a long and strong pair of reins. run through the rings on the back-band. and then he got behind the animal with the whip, which was used only to keep her going in the direction desired. The reins were then made to touch her tail. and as she switched or kicked the driver jerked the reins. This system was followed for several days until the animal was finally subdued. Of course, this treatment could only be recommended where the animal was a vicious switcher and kicker. It would be wise to always work your horse in a good, strong harness, with a kicking-strap attached. Anyone having ideas on preventing switching and kicking should, for the benefit of our readers, write them for 'The Farmer's Advocate.' As a general thing, quietness and kindness should be practiced.

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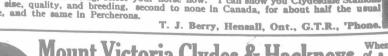
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