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The Veterinary Column of The Nor'-West Farmer is conducted by an experienced veterinarian and contains much valuable information. The following pointers are gathered from the answers to questions and from other sources :—

How to Give Medicines.—The simplest method of giving medicine is by mixing it in the animal's food. But this cannot always be done, as the animal may refuse to eat the mixture, or may be too weak to do so. It has then to be given in the form of a drench or a ball.

To Drench a Horse.—In drenching a horse a horn is always preferable to a bottle, for fear of breakage by the teeth. Standing at the right shoulder, raise the head with the left hand under the jaw, and with the right hand pass the lip of the horn into the side of the mouth and empty its contents, the head being kept up until they are swallowed. If the animal is violent, place a twitch upon the nose, to be held by an assistant; or, if he refuses to open the mouth, the tongue may be gently held to one side, the horn introduced, quickly emptied, and the tongue liberated at once. Under all circumstances, the greatest gentleness must be exercised. Nothing can be gained by impatience or by harsh treatment.

To Drench Cattle.—In giving liquid medicine a bottle is preferable to a horn because more manageable, and one is less tempted to use force to open the jaws and perhaps thus lacerate the tongue also. Elevate the head only enough to prevent the liquid running from the mouth. The bottle should not be pushed back far into the throat. The tongue should be left free. The following is a very neat and efficacious method : If standing, place the left side of the animal against a wall, and standing on the right side seize hold of the upper jaw by passing the left arm over the head and bending the latter far round to the right, slightly elevating it. With the right hand pour the contents of the bottle into the mouth at its angle, using the least possible force. Let the head go should the animal cough. Go on with the drenching as soon as the coughing stops. Otherwise there is danger of choking.