

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

ROUP—CURB—SHOE BOIL.

In my flock of poultry I have noticed three hens starting with a swelling between the eye and the mouth, gradually closing the eye, and discharging a colorless mucus from the eye and mouth.

1. What is it, and what will prevent it from spreading in the flock?
2. Is there any cure for it?
3. Give me a remedy for curb on a horse's leg.
4. What can be done to a shoe boil just appeared?

W. S.

Ans.—1 and 2.—One of the several forms of roup, possibly induced by exposure, such as roosting in a draft. In such cases, poultrymen recommend the use of Epsom salts in the drinking water, or in a mash. Use about a dessertspoonful to one gallon of drinking water. Each bird that is affected is given one teaspoonful of dry salts. The head should be bathed with a weak solution of any of the commercial roup cures, or a five-per-cent. solution of potassium permanganate, or a Seiler's tablet dissolved in a cup of water. If you have only one or two birds affected, it is not worth while treating them. You had better kill the two or three, and try to remove the cause of the disease. It may be necessary to disinfect the house. If so, use air-slaked lime under the dropping-boards, to a bushel of which has been added one pint of crude carbolic acid. It may be well to spray the interior of the house with a whitewash containing five-per-cent. of carbolic acid or creosote.

3. Get him shod with a shoe about one inch higher in the heel than in the toe. Clip the hair off the curb, and apply a blister of 1 dram each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with an ounce of vaseline. Tie so he cannot bite the parts. Rub well with the blister once daily for two applications, and the next day wash off and apply sweet oil. Turn in box stall, and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, blister again, and after that blister once monthly as long as necessary. Keep him as quiet as possible and well bedded, so he will not slip in the stall.

4. You might try a remedy reported on favorably by a subscriber some months ago. Paint the boil every day with tincture of iodine. If either serum or pus is present in quantity, or if the tumor is a fibrous one of considerable size, lancing will probably be necessary.

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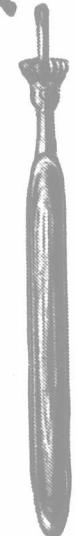
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