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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

OEDEMA.

Mare (not pregnant) has a swelling along the floor of the abdomen. It is quite hard. W. H. R.

Ans.—Purge her with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Feed bran only for 24 hours, then give 4 drams hyposulphite of soda in damp food three times daily for a week. Bathe the parts well three times daily with hot water, and after bathing rub well with a liniment made of 1 ounce oil of turpentine, $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce liquor ammonia, 1 ounce camphor, and alcohol to make a pint. As soon as the bowels become normal after the operation of the purgative, give regular exercise.

INABILITY TO MASTICATE.

Cow suddenly refused to eat hay. When trying to eat, she just swabs the hay with her tongue and swallows it. She salivates continuously. Neither can she drink. I examined her mouth, but could find nothing wrong. Outside, near the back of the jaw, there is a slight swelling that seems to be sore; also slight swelling under jaw, near the front.

Ans.—It will be wise to get a veterinarian to examine her, as there may be some abnormality that you have failed to detect, probably a split or broken tooth. The external symptoms you mention may be serious. There may be a fracture (without displacement) of the jaw bone. I would advise feeding on sloppy food, or anything that she can swallow without masticating. Bathe the swollen parts often with hot water, and after three or four days apply a blister made of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline.

HYPODERMIC ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES.

I understand that there is a way of treating colics and stoppage of the bowels in horses by the hypodermic injection of medicines. Where can I procure an outfit and medicines, and what will be J. E. R. the cost?

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BLOOD POISON.

Pregnant mare got kicked on stifle in January. My veterinarian treated her. She took blood poison. I treated according to directions, and the wound healed in about four weeks, but she remained quite lame. The veterinarian advised a little gentle exercise, but she soon got so, that she could not walk. The veterinarian asked for a consultation and they blistered the joint. She now eats well, lies most of the time, and can rise without assistance, and can walk to the water trough. Would you advise putting her in slings, or should that have been done at first?

Ans.-No doubt your veterinarians did all that could have been done, and they should be given credit for saving her life. It would not have been wise to put her in slings at any stage, especially as she is pregnant. The lameness is due to disease of the joint, and a recovery is doubtful. All that you can do is blister repeatedly, say, every four weeks. If she lives, the acute soreness will disappear, but the joint may remain stiff in which case she may be valuable for breeding purposes, but not for work.

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