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1. I bred a heifer to a certain bull. All cows that have been bred to him are aborting. How can I prevent abortion in my heifer, and protect my other cows from infection? 2. How should the bull be treated?

3. Thrifty young cow has a hard cough that seems to come clean from her tail. 4. Give details for applying the tuberculin test. 5. Give treatment for a cold in a

cow. 6. What makes a good condition powder for a cow? G. O.

Ans.-1. Remove the heifer at once from your herd. If she be infected, you cannot prevent it now. If she aborts, it will be wise to destroy her, or dispose of her in some way, but on no account allow any communication in any way, by attendants or otherwise, between her and the herd, and give the stables a thorough coat of hot-lime wash, with five-per-cent.

2. Do not breed him for at least six sheath out daily with a warm solution of corrosive sublimate, 30 grains to a gallon of water. When bred again, flush his sheath both before and after service.

3. The symptoms indicate tuberculosis, but the tail is comparatively safe. The tuberculin test is the only definite means of diagnosis.

4. Take the temperature every three hours for twelve hours before injection. Then inject about 60 drops of a 10-percent. solution of tuberculin in a 1-percent. solution of carbolic acid. Disinfect the seat of injection with a 5-per-cent. solution of Creolin before injection. We usually select the loose skin, just behind the shoulder blade for injection. In nine hours after injection, take the tempera. ture again, and every three hours afterwards until twenty - four hours have elapsed. If the temperature increases two degrees or more, higher than it was before injection, it indicates that the animal is tubercular. A test made by an amateur is usually not reliable. He does not, understand the use of the thermometer, nor how to use a hypodermic syringe, and is very liable to overlook or not understand important details. The test is essentially the work of a veterinarian, or a person who has had special instructions, and actual practice, under the supervision of a veterinarian.

5. Keep in comfortable, well-ventilated stall. Steam the nostrils three times daily. Give 1 dram quinine and 2 drams chloride of potassium three times daily, and feed on laxative food. Of course, complications must be treated according to symptoms.

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