

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Mare took sick at 6 p. m., and died next morning at 6.30 p. m. She suffered greatly, would be down, roll, turn head to either side, get up again, etc. I had my veterinarian to see her. He gave her medicine and punctured her three times and gass escaped. My neighbor opened her and said two or three pails of blood escaped.

2. Colt has had distemper for three weeks. Several abscesses have formed between jaws and sides of head. There is a sore on the throat as large as a saucer.

3. Aged horse nuckles on left hind foot, and his legs stock when standing.

Ans.—1. The mare suffered from acute indigestion, which resulted in inflammation of the bowels and death. Your neighbor was mistaken, the fluid that escaped was not blood but serum, which was the result of the inflammation. No doubt your veterinarian did all that could be done.

2. This is a case of irregular strangles. I would advise you to put him in charge of your veterinarian. Carbolic acid, one part, and sweet oil, twenty parts, makes a good dressing.

3. Purge him with eight drachms aloes and two drachms ginger. Blister the fetlock joint every month and give him a long rest.

REPEATED BLOATING IN COW.

Within three weeks my cow has been bloated three times. I gave salts and punctured her each time. She has a slight cough, and is growing weaker. breathes hard, and has a sore throat. Blisters appear to be rising on her skin.

Ans.—We fear she will not recover. The original trouble was in the rumen. It is probable there is some foreign body that can be removed only by an operation, called rumenotomy, which can be performed only by a veterinarian, but it is probably now too late to operate.

It is likely some of the fluid you drenched her with has passed down the windpipe and caused bronchitis. All you can do is to give her one drachm each nux vomica, gentian and sulphate of iron; one ounce bicarbonate of soda in a quart of cold water, three times daily. Drench her with boiled flaxseed and old ale to nourish her, and apply mustard mixed with oil of turpentine to her breast and sides. If necessary, give about one pound Epsom salts and two ounces ginger.

INDIGESTION IN HOGS.

1. I have five pigs about four months old. They have not done well for the last six weeks, as they appear to be crippled in the hind legs and humped in the back. I have fed them on shorts mixed with water and skim milk, with an occasional feed of corn, and sometimes a feed of clover hay. I have also given them wood ashes once every week during the last three or four weeks. They always seem hungry for their food and are quite fat.

2. What is the proper food for brood sows for the last two months before farrowing, and immediately after farrowing?

Ans.—The hogs are suffering from indigestion, due to their feed being too rich and to lack of exercise. Change from shorts to ground oats and barley and a little bran, or mix some of these grains with the shorts. Also give about one and one-half teacupfuls of Epsom salts in the feed. If convenient give some roots and earth, or rotten wood, or charcoal. Feed lightly for a while.

2. Before farrowing, a mixture of grains with some bran, an occasional pangold, buttermilk or skim milk with their slops, and occasionally some kind of waste meat scraps. After farrowing, give the grain, with some kind of milk. Feed very little kitchen slops for awhile.

PARALYZED CALF.

Calf was all-right at night, next morning could not get up. It is getting worse. Eats and drinks well.

Ans.—The calf has paralysis, and it is doubtful if it will recover. It may have been injured, or the ailment may have been caused by digestive trouble. Purge with 6 ozs. Epsom salts and 2 drs. ginger. Follow up with 20 grs. nux vomica, three times daily. Apply mustard mixed with oil of turpentine all along the spine.

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PIGS WITH BRONCHITIS.

1. Pigs, three months old, have a cough. I am feeding Dr. Hess' food. They always have a spell of coughing as soon as they get out of their bed to feed.

2. What will kill lice on cattle?

J. A. M.

Ans.—The pigs have bronchitis, probably an infectious form. Remove all healthy pigs to a noninfected pen. Little can be done for the affected more than good care, and I do not think they will do any good. If you see they are getting worse, it will be better to destroy them, and disinfect the pens by washing thoroughly with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid, and following up with a thorough coat of hot-lime wash, with five-per-cent. carbolic acid. This must be done before fresh stock is introduced into the pens.

2. Any of the commercial sheep dips, or a five-per-cent. solution of Zenoleum.

V.

UNTHRIFTY HORSE.

Horse is not thriving. He is dull, sweats and tires easily; drinks little when going out, but heartily when he comes in. Some time ago, he urinated three times in twenty minutes. He bites his back, and looks around towards his kidneys. He appears tender on pressure on his back. He slavers badly. I had his teeth examined by a veterinarian, and he said they were all right.

A. J.

Ans.—Your horse has chronic indigestion. I am of the opinion his teeth require dressing. Have your veterinarian examine his mouth again. Purge him with 8 drs. aloes and 2 drs. ginger. After purgation ceases, give 1 dr. each sulphate of iron, gentian and nux vomica and 3 drs. bicarbonate of soda, either as a ball mixed with vaseline or as a drench mixed with half pint cold water, every night and morning as long as required.

V.

ECZEMA.

Aged horse's legs are all swollen, and they and the body covered with pimples, which break and discharge a little, dry, and form scales.

J. M. B.

Ans.—Keep him in a comfortable stable, clip him and blanket well, and do not expose to cold, as it is dangerous to clip in cold weather, unless great care be taken; while it is very hard to treat a case of this kind without clipping. Purge with 8 drs. aloes and 2 drs. ginger. Follow up with 30 drops carbolic acid, three times daily in a little cold water, given as a drench. Dress the legs and body well, twice daily, with a five-per-cent. solution of creolin. Clothe well, and keep warm after dressing.

V.

CRACKED HEELS.

The whiffletrees caused my colt's heels to get sore in the fall. Now it resembles scratches, but extends well up the legs, which are sore and swollen.

R. J. M.

Ans.—This is scratches or cracked heels. Keep in nice dry stall, purge with 8 drs. aloes and 2 drs. ginger. Follow up with 1½ ozs. Fowler's solution of arsenic, twice daily for a week. Poultice the legs with boiled turnips and powdered charcoal, applied warm, three times daily for two days and nights. This will soften the scales. Then apply, three times daily, a lotion made of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead to a pint of water.

V.

COW FAILS TO CONCEIVE.

Cow calved in September; was bred in November, December and on January 1st. She has been constantly in heat since last service.

W. J. R.

Ans.—It is probable her ovaries are diseased, and, if so, nothing can be done. All I can recommend is an examination to see whether the neck of the womb is open, and, if not, force an opening with your finger, or if necessary, use a sound or other blunt instrument. Breed in about two hours after operating.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Killed a cow, and when we opened her large quantities of matter escaped from the abdominal cavity. There were also spots like sponges in the flesh and intestines. Lungs were healthy.

A. O.

Ans.—The cow had muscular and intestinal tuberculosis. The flesh is not fit for human food.

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