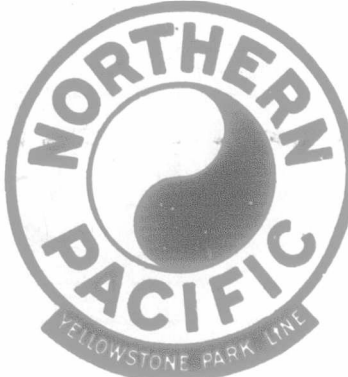




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called the urachus, which connects the bladder and membranes being an organ of fetal life it should close or become obliterated at birth. One method of treatment is to apply a caustic, as butter of antimony, applied with a feather twice daily as long as necessary, or apply a stick of lunar caustic pushing up into the opening for a short distance. Care should always be taken to see that the natural urinary channels are pervious, or ureanic poisoning will result.

FIBROUS TUMOR.

Mare four years old, has growth on the end of her nose about the size of a hen's egg. It is very hard and is not fast to the bone. It doesn't seem to hurt her any.

W. B.

Ans.—This is evidently a fibrous tumor. It should be dissected out, the wound stitched, and then dressed three times daily with an antiseptic, as a five-per-cent solution of carbolic acid. Unless accustomed to such operations, you had better employ a veterinarian. External applications to such growths usually have little effect.

BLOODY MILK—FLOOR FOR HOG PEN.

1. What causes a cow to give bloody milk at this time of the year?

2. For a hog pen, would you advise a cement floor, with sleeping place about three feet up off floor? Some say hogs will not fatten, and will not do well on cement floor. I am building a brick block or hollow brick.

READER.

1. Bloody milk is due to the rupture of some of the small vessels in the udder, possibly the result of a congenital weakness of the vessels; if so, the recurrence of the trouble cannot be prevented. However, the condition is liable to occur in any cow. Excitement of the animals, particularly chasing by dogs, is liable to produce this condition, and we are inclined to the opinion that the heavy flow of milk of this season imposes an additional strain on the milk vessel and its capillaries. Keep the cow from becoming excited. Bathe the udder well and often with cold water, and give one ounce of tincture of iron in a pint of cold water twice daily, until blood ceases to appear in the milk.

2. We commend the cement floor with raised-plank sleeping place, but are not enamored of the brick wall, except for a three-foot foundation wall. Cement, like stone, is inclined to be cold and damp, hence undesirable for a hog-pen, which is more inclined in this direction than other stables. The impervious nature of cement, however, gives it a great advantage for floors on the score of sanitation, and with plank to sleep on the pigs will do pretty well if the pen is kept clean. The principal reason your neighbors find their hogs do not fatten on cement is that the young, growing pigs get stunted, and possibly contract rheumatism, consequently would not fatten well under any conditions. Cement is worse for young pigs than for fattening hogs.

GREASE.

Is there such a thing as a cure for what we call a greased leg in a heavy horse?

F. W. B.

Ans.—Heavy feeding is liable to produce grease. Prevention consists in feeding moderately to lightly of grain, allowing a proportion of succulent feed, such as grass, and exercising regularly when not working. Curative treatment consists in purging with six to ten drams of aloes, according to size and weight, and two drams ginger; following up with one and a half ounces Fowler's solution of arsenic twice daily for a week. Local treatment consists in applying warm poultices of linseed meal with a little powdered charcoal every six or seven hours for a couple of days and nights, and then applying three times daily a lotion of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, two drams carbolic acid to a pint of water. Do not wash. In bad cases of grease heel, the attendant fungoid growths are quite pronounced, and are called "grapes." When they abound it is necessary to use the knife or actual cautery followed by caustics.

LUMP JAW.

Bull, 18 months old, has a lump under its jaw, near the throat, about the size of an egg. He is very slow eating, and one would think that he wasn't hungry. The lump was noticed about April 25. He has not done well since.

A. G.

Ans.—This is probably lump jaw, for which iodide of potassium is the best specific. Give as a drench in water one dram, three times daily, and increase the doses by ten grains daily, until a condition called iodism is produced. Symptoms of iodism are failure of appetite, refusal of water, salivation, and tears running from the eyes. When any of these symptoms appear, discontinue the use of the drug for three weeks, then repeat treatment if necessary. Iodine ointment applied repeatedly and well rubbed in may reduce this enlargement. If the bone is affected the lump will not be entirely removed, and may not be permanently checked.

PROBABLY THOROUGHPIN

Colt, three years old, had puffy joints. Went away on one joint, but the other joint still has a puff on each side of his hock joint. Would you advise blistering or using spavin cure? Has never been lame.

M. E.

Ans.—This is a bursal enlargement of some kind, probably thoroughpin. Avoid severe labor for a time, and apply once daily the following mixture: 3 drams each, biniodide of mercury and potassium iodide, and 6 ounces water. Clip off the hair before applying. After four or five applications cease for a week or ten days till the soreness passes away, and repeat. This is an absorbent blister, and will not make the part very sore. If necessary repeat the treatment several times.

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