

using a dip to hold the dip. By brushing the dip into the hair the job can be done thoroughly.

When lice have been in a building for some time, it will be necessary to treat the building in practically the same way as recommended for disinfection, the disinfectants being also good insecticides.

In treating for lice, one application of insecticide is seldom sufficient, because there will be many eggs to hatch out to give a new brood. A second treatment, about a week after the first, should always be given, and a third treatment would not be out of place.

PART VIII.

COMMON DISEASES OF SWINE

HOG CHOLERA, (Swine Fever).

This highly infectious disease is due to a germ, and causes a loss of many millions of dollars annually in the United States. In Canada it is not so prevalent, thanks, mainly, to the very vigorous measures adopted for its eradication. In spite, however, of all efforts, it continues to inflict considerable loss upon Canadian swine growers. It causes an inflammation and ulceration of the stomach and intestines, enlargement and inflammation of the lymphatic glands, and various other disturbances. The most characteristic lesions of the disease are inflamed areas on the lining membrane of the intestines and stomach, which eventually change into raised ulcers, circular in outline.

Symptoms.—The hog usually goes off by itself and lies in a cool place. The back is arched, the hind parts appear stiff, causing the hog to stagger and cross the hind legs as it walks. There is a watery secretion from the eyelids, which later becomes thicker in character, causing the lids to adhere. Owing to increased secretions from the skin, dirt adheres to it, giving the animal a dirty appearance. Alternate diarrhoea and constipation is common, and the diarrhoeal discharge is thin and watery, and some times mixed with blood.

All cases usually terminate in death in from two days to two weeks, but sometimes death occurs before the symptoms become well marked.

In the subacute or mild form, the symptoms may escape notice, but there is usually a slight fever, with loss of appetite, constipation, and diarrhoea. The pig generally recovers in a few days.

The disease is said to be chronic when it lasts for a considerable time, possibly several weeks or even two or three months. Often the pig becomes a complete wreck, and death at last occurs.

Treatment.—When a hog once contracts the disease, little can be done in the way of treatment. Preventive measures are the only effective means for fighting this disease. In Canada, treatment for hog cholera is not allowed, it being compulsory to slaughter affected herds. Full particulars regarding this law may be obtained by writing the Veterinary Director-General, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario.

SWINE PLAGUE.

Swine plague is sometimes mistaken for hog cholera, and often accompanies the latter disease. It is an infectious disease caused by a germ, and the symptoms