Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Methylene Blue.

I noticed in the last number of "The Farmer's Advocate," you recomm Methylene Blue for abortion. I have had some trouble with the disease. Could you please tell me how you administer it to cows? J. F. W.

Ans.—At Weldwood we simply fed & heaping teaspoonful to each cow in the grain each day for five weeks. Some is wasted but the cows get most of it. It is put up also in the form of Bluetts and the manufacturers advertise in these columns. By feeding these there is no waste.

Horse Has Eczema.

I have a horse that has some kind of an itch on his neck and along his back, The hair comes out and he is continually biting himself when he can. There seems to be a scale of dandruff all the time and it looks bad to see the hair off. His hair is dry and harsh all the time. The roots of the hair are dead as you can pull the hair out easily with your fingers. What should I do for him?

Ans.-This is eczema. Purge with 8 drams of aloes and 2 drams of ginger and follow up with 11 ounces Fowler's solution of arsenic, twice daily for a week. Wash the affected parts thoroughly with soapsuds in fairly warm water. Make a solution of corrosive sublimate, 30 grains to a quart of water. Heat a little of this lotion to about 110 deg. Fah. twice daily and apply to the diseased parts. Keep dry and comfortable.

Cows Do Not Conceive.

I have a bull four years old that was sure last year (had about forty cows). Have used him on two hilfers and five or six cows, began about the last week of November and I do not think any of them are in calf yet. They come around any old time but not very regularly. What do you suppose is wrong? Would methylene blue treatment be all right" How is the best way to feed it? What price per pound? J. J. W.

Ans.—It would appear that this is not the fault of the bull. Cows showing irregularity in periods of heat seldom conceive. Have any of them aborted? If so the trouble may all be due to contagious abortion. Methylene blue is a treatment recommended. We have been trying it at Weldwood but are not as yet able to report on it definitely. It may be fed in a little grain-one heaped up teaspoonful to each cow or heiler ch day for five purchased in the form of Bluetts, advertised in this paper. Be sure to get medicinal methylene blue when buying from a druggist. It costs at druggists up to \$3.00 per pound. Disinfect the bull's sheath after serving a suspected cow and feed him the blue also.

Pea Weevils.

1. Last year just as our peas began to bloom about six inches of the top of the vines got covered with green lice and I thought the peas were going to be a failure. We have had them that way for several years previous and they were a failure. Just then a rain came and a few very warm days and I could see that nearly all the lice had died and the Peas were a fair crop after all.

When we were cleaning the peas a few days ago I found a few of them with a brown or nearly black bug burrowed in them. Are these bugs the off-spring of those remaining lice?

2. Is there any way of treating the peas to kill the bugs, as I would like to use some of the peas for seed? GREY FARMER.

Ans.-1 and 2. The "bugs" you find in the peas are no relation to the plant lice which were on the crop last summer. These brownish or blackish bugs are the pea weevil and to destroy in seed peas. use carbon bisulphide, place the peas in a tight bin or box about 18 to bushels capacity, set a shallow dish cortaining carbon bisulphide on top and cover tightly. The carbon bisulphide quickly vaporizes, and the vapor being heavier than air settles down through the peas and kills the bugs. A pound of the liquid should do 20 bushels of peas. Keep lanterns, lights of all kinds and matches away from the liquid which is explosive.

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