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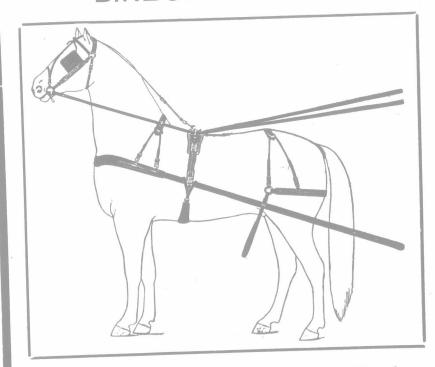
2. What is the best thing to bring a cow in heat? I saw something about Would it some time ago in your paper. yeast be of any account?

Ans.—1. Black-leg, also known as symptomatic anthrax, quarter evil, etc., is distinctly a cattle disease. It is not infectious, so far as being transmitted from animal to animal, but is caused by a germ which resides in the soil, and which invades the system through wounds of the skin or mucous membrane. It attacks principally animals of from six months to two years of age, though younger and older cattle are also liable to the disease. Nothing can be done to cure black-leg. The disease can be prevented by vaccination. The vaccine can be procured from Dr. Rutherford, Veterinary Director-General, Ottawa, with necessary instrument and directions.

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