

LAME MARE.

Mare 13 years old went lame on left hind leg last July, think she got a knock on hinch bone, she never went very lame but steps short on same when walking, when standing keeps raising it up and forward, no swelling to be seen but think it is hinch bone

Man.

W. J. W.

Ans.—The lameness, judging from the few symptoms you have mentioned is probably in connection with one of the upper joints, either the hips or the stifle; but with the meagre information at hand, it is impossible to diagnose the case with any degree of certainty, if possible get a veterinarian to make a personal examination.

SPAVIN—RUNNING SORE—SPLINTS.

I bought a mare nine years old, seems in good health, cheap on account of some blemishes. She has a bone spavin right hind leg, is in foal, same mare has a sore under part of the body which discharges fluid or matter. It breaks and runs matter every two or three months when the matter will come from it by drops. Horse has a splint on the inside of left front leg just below knee. What can I use as a cure for it?

Sask.

J. Mc. M.

Ans.—1. The best remedy for a bone spavin, in the stage you mention, is firing with a pointed iron and afterward a judicious application of blisters. The operation of firing can only be properly performed by one who is acquainted with the anatomy of the part. Your mare being pregnant it would not be advisable to fire the spavin until after parturition. Your mare having a spavin depreciates her value very much. It is scarcely advisable to breed from either a spavined sire or dam. I cannot recommend Kindall's, so called "Spavin Cure" as a cure for spavin.

2. The lodgement of some foreign body is probably the cause of the running sore. The hole from which the pus issues should be probed to the bottom and if any hard substance is discovered it should be removed, and the wound dressed daily by washing with warm water and castile soap and syringed with a five percent. solution of carbolic acid, carbolic acid one part to twenty parts of water.

3. Cut the hair closely from the splint and apply the following blister: Hydrar binodide and cantharides pulv., of each one dram; vaseline, one ounce. Mix. Rub in well with the fingers; let it remain for forty-eight hours, wash off and apply lard to the blistered surface. Tie head up for twelve hours after applying the blister. Repeat in two weeks if necessary.

MARE IN LOW CONDITION.

Have a mare five years old which is down in condition, and does not feed well, has a discharge.

Sask.

S. C.

Ans.—See our February 14 issue under Leucorrhoea.

SACCHARINE.

Will you kindly inform me through your paper what "Saccharine" is made from, and if food sweetened with it is wholesome for general use.

Sask.

Mrs. S. C.

Ans.—Saccharine is the active principle of sugar but the chemically pure article is got in the refining of coal tar. It is 230 times sweeter than the best sugar and is antiseptic in its action hence exercises considerable influence upon the health. It is quite largely used in the preparation of some brands of canned fruits which practise comes in for considerable protestation from the best medical journals.

MARE DOES NOT EAT.

Kindly advise some treatment for a nine year old mare that eats very heartily, but fails to put on any fat. She stops eating very suddenly, and about half hour after eating spits out of her mouth a quart of finely chewed feed. Slobbers very badly but mouth is not sore. Has been kept in stable and fed hay and grain all winter and not worked. Has been this way for about a year. When hitched to a wagon is very high lived and eager to go.

Alta.

H. L. L.

Ans.—The symptoms you give indicate that there is trouble with the teeth. The mare being ravenously hungry eats for a while but finally gives up on account of the pain. The trouble may be due to an ulcerated tooth, to a protruding tooth, to serrated edges of the teeth or to a combination of disorders. Have her mouth thoroughly examined and treated. Being naturally high strung she will not be easily fattened but if her teeth are in order she will be able to make use of her food.

ABDOMINAL DROPSY.

A four year old cow for three weeks gradually grew heavy in the body and lost in flesh. Four days ago she took sick, would not eat, moaned as though in pain and on the third of February seemed as though she was going to die; could hardly stand. I gave her five pounds of salts at different times but did not relieve her. I thought she would die in a few minutes so I tapped her and at once she seemed to have relief. The water ran out in a stream until it had run five ordinary pails full and was quite clear. From that on she seems quite well her sides seem quite natural again. What is the cause and what would be the proper treatment?

J. W. N.

Ans.—This condition (ascites) proceeds from various causes, such as, peritonitis, diseases of the liver, kidneys or heart and sometimes it results from bad care and starvation. Tapping the abdomen, with a trocar and canula, on the median line about one inch behind the naval and allowing the fluid to escape will, at least, give temporary relief; but in all cases, where the dropsy is due to organic disease of a chronic nature, the fluid will form again and again, until the primary cause is removed or terminates fatally. The medical treatment for a cow, would be as follows: Sulphate of iron, gentian pulverized and nitrate of potash, of each, three ounces. Mix and divide into twelve powders. Give one every morning, in food or drink. Iodide of potash, three ounces; fluid extract of digitalis, four ounces; add water to make one pint. Give two tablespoon-fuls every night in food or drink.

HEIFER VOMITING.

I notice in your issue of January 31, an enquirer asks what would benefit a heifer which vomits her food. I had an experience with one much the same and found that giving her lumps of fat pork helped her.

Alta.

C. W. M.

Ans.—We have no knowledge of the value of the "fat pork" treatment for vomiting in cattle. The heifer is affected with a form of indigestion and in most cases of the kind a change of food is called for. As medicine give a purgative: Epsom salts, 14 ounces; carbonate of ammonia six drams; ground ginger four drams; treacle one pint. Dissolve all in one quart of hot water and give in one dose. Follow by giving in food or drench, morning and evening, for one week: Bicarbonate of soda, four drams; gentian pulverized, two drams; nux vomica, one dram.

DEFECTIVE TEAT.

I have a young cow, I milked her last year. Her teats were perfect at first but after milking her two weeks this year she commenced giving milk out of a hole half way between the end of the teat and the udder. What is the cause? Is there any way to prevent the milk coming out of that hole?

Monroe, Wash.

P. H.

Ans.—If the "hole" in the side of the teat is not the result of a wound, it would be difficult to account for it being there, especially, when the milk had previously flowed through the natural duct. If the duct at the end of the teat is now closed it will be necessary to open it with a teat syphon, or probe. The hole in the side of the teat should be closed by scarifying its edges and bringing its walls together by sutures. The milk should be withdrawn with milking tube until the parts are healed. The operation should be done by a skilled veterinarian.

BLACKLEG.

Yearling heifer became sick to-day. Her right shoulder seems to hurt her, acts like cattle do that die of blackleg

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