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Questions and Answers

Veterinary.

LUMP ON LEGS—STOCKED LEGS.

My mare has an enlargement on the outside of her right hind leg which looks like a thoroughpin. When I work her it goes down but swells when she stands in for a day. Has been on since last fall.

2. My horses stock in hind legs when standing over night. I turn them out in day time. Am feeding half a gallon of oats three times daily, with oat sheaves and a few potatoes at night and an occasional boiled feed.

Man. J. B.

Ans.—1. Evidently your mare has got coarsely formed hock joints which, with severe exertion, are liable to throw out puffs and hags. Would advise you to apply to the lump the following blister: biniodide of mercury and cantharides, of each one dram; lard one and a half ounces. Mix. Clip the hair closely from the part and rub the ointment well in with the fingers for ten minutes; in forty-eight hours wash off and apply vaseline to the blistered surface. Repeat in two weeks.

2. Give a bran mash every night, for two weeks, made by boiling a teacupful of flaxseed in sufficient water to scald four quarts of bran, for each horse, and into each feed rub a level teaspoonful of saltpetre. Change oat sheaf fodder to good hay for a while. When idle horses are getting good oat sheaves they should not require any additional grain.

BLIND HORSE—THRUSH.

Horse nine years old, is totally blind. I think he has specific ophthalmia, there is a whitish object well back in the eye, right over the eyestone. Can anything be done for him?

2. Colt two years old, is lame in off front foot, there came some very offensive discharge from between the frog and heel, the back part of the frog and up the heel is a little tender and has a foul smell. Please prescribe.

Th. K.

Ans.—1. The whitish object is what is termed a cataract which is usually due to repeated attacks of specific ophthalmia. In the human being an operation is sometimes more or less successfully performed for the relief of this condition of the eye; but, in the

horse an operation is not attended with much success, especially in cases of total blindness. We do not hesitate to give as our opinion that your horse's blindness cannot be cured.

2. Thrush is usually the result of standing in filth. Put the colt on a clean dry floor; cleanse the foot well with clean warm water and soap, syringe the fissure of the frog to the bottom with carbolic acid one part to ten parts of water. Repeat treatment once daily until the offensive discharge disappears.

CUT FOOT—LUMPY JAW.

1. I have a horse here seven years old got a bad cut on barb wire last spring, was lame for two months, was cut from center behind into the hoof in front. As it was healing a new hoof started, is half grown now. When the new hoof gets nearly grown will the old one drop off or will it gradually grow out so he can work right along?

2. Is lumpy jaw on cattle catching in cattle, and how?

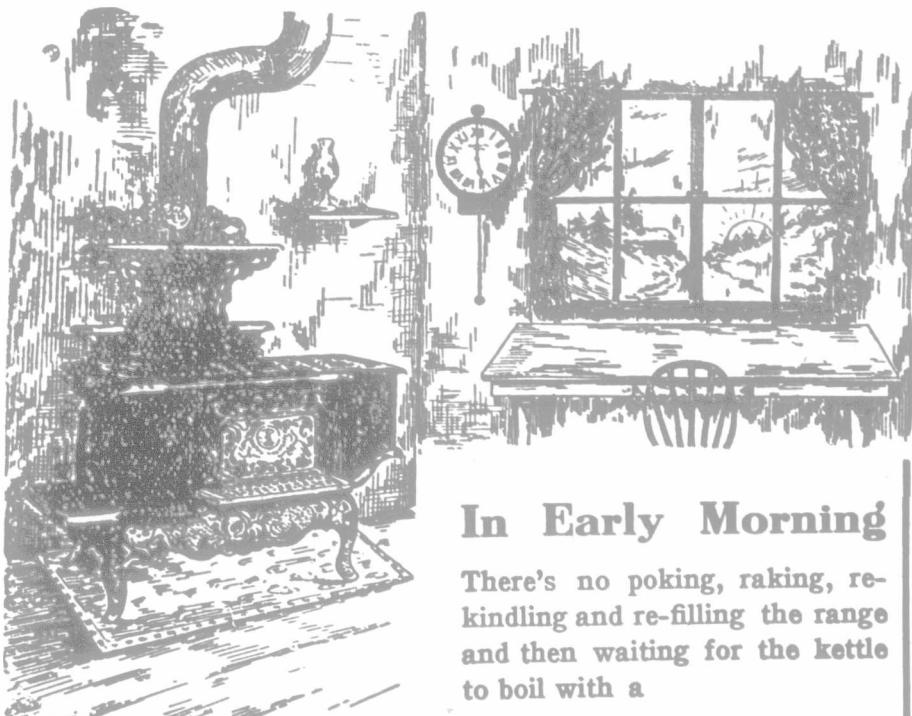
3. Have a calf, a year old now, fall calf, kept in stable all winter, turned out in the spring. It wouldn't follow the herd nor go with the spring calves. When it gets into a wire it has not got sense to back or go to one side to get out. When you whip it to head it off it has not sense to go the other way but goes straight ahead. When it was in the stall it was jumping around and butted the wall and maybe cracked its skull, would that make it foolish that way?

Woody River.

W. C.

Ans.—1. Keep the foot trimmed to the natural proportions and await developments. Nature in its own way will do the repair work.

2. Actinomycosis "lumpy jaw" is not generally believed to be either infectious or contagious. The germ of the disease, actinomyces or ray



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