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DISTEMPER.

Mare has a lump on each side of her head behind the jaw. The veterinarian said it was distemper, and treated accordingly; said it would break, or have to be lanced in a few days; but this did not occur. Some of my neighbors say it is not distemper.

Ans.—No doubt your veterinarian was correct in his diagnosis, although his prognosis was at fault. The case is one of irregular strangles or distemper, and in the early stages no person can tell this, hence the mistake your veterinarian made in saying it would break in a few days. These lumps may not suppurate at all, and abscesses may form any place. You, like most people, have very clever neighbors, who know more about horses than any practitioner. They could tell you what this was not, but you do not say that they told you what it was, and how to treat it. You had better allow your veterinarian to continue treatment. If not, blister the lumps with equal parts raw oil, turpentine and spirits of ammonia. Give three drams hyposulphite of soda, or twenty drops carbolic acid twice daily. If abscesses form any place, lance, and then treat with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid. It is possible there is puss deep seated in the lumps mentioned.

UNTHRIFTY MARE-INDIGESTION.

1. A year ago a mare, now eleven, to eat as much as usual, being previously a good feeder. She will not now eat more than half a gallon of oats, either whole or chop. Had her teeth examined by a veterinarian, and he said they were all right. She has become quite thin.

2. Mare fifteen years old gets sick occasionally. She lies down, rolls, gets up, looks to her side, groans, etc. about two hours, she gets all right. She is in season most of the time. Would it do to breed her? J. C. Ans.-1. I am of the opinion this mare's teeth would be better of being dressed. Have your veterinarian examine again. It is extraordinary, if the mouth of a mare of that age does not require attention, unless the teeth have been previously dressed. To improve the appetite take equal parts, by weight, of sulphate of iron, ginger, gentian and nux vomica. Give her a dessertspoonful night and morning.

2. This mare is evidently predisposed to indigestion, and in order to prevent attacks, very careful feeding is necessary. When changing food do so very gradually. Do not put her to work, or drive for at least an hour after each meal. Give a feed of dampened bran with half a cup linseed meal twice weekly. If she has an attack of illness, give two drams powdered opium, four ounces fluid extract of belladonna, and two ounces nitrous ether in a pint of cold water as a drench. Constant ostrum indicates ovarian disease, and it is doubtful if she will breed, but it would be wise to try.

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