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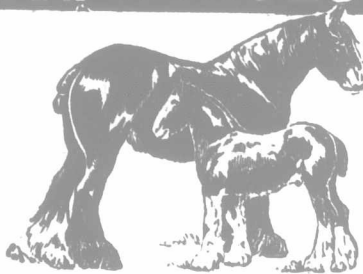
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

WEAK PASTERNS.

Foal, now a month old, is badly down on the hind feet. In other ways it is well and strong.

E. B.

Ans.—I am not sure that I know just what you mean by your colt being "badly down on the hind feet," but I presume you mean that it has weak pasterns, and when it puts weight on a foot, the fetlock pad descends towards the ground. This is not an uncommon condition in colts with long pasterns, and in most cases the parts gradually gain strength. Wrapping well with batting and bandaging carefully helps to strengthen, but great care in applying bandages, splints or other means of support must be observed in order to avoid sores.

V.

NASAL HEMORRHAGE.

For four or five years my horse occasionally bleeds from his nostril. Blood escapes in drops. Once the bleeding was from the lower part of nostril, and my veterinarian stopped it with caustic. About two months ago the blood came from up in the nostril, and has continued more or less ever since, but it does not seem to injure his health.

O. P.

Ans.—This is due to a weakness of the small bloodvessels, some of which rupture easily. Very little can be done. The application of pounded ice to the face, and the administration of 1 ounce tincture of iron in a pint of cold water as a drench three times daily will probably check the bleeding for a time, but it will be very liable to recur.

V.

EFFECTS OF LIGHTNING.

Had a steer killed by lightning. The second day after I noticed another steer was not right. He acted as though his back was hurt, and was sore across the kidneys, was stiff, and would stagger. I was told it was black quarter, but as he did not die in ten days, I decided the diagnosis was incorrect and began to give him gruel, milk and whiskey. He improved, and now eats fairly well and walks freely. He has had diarrhea all through his illness.

SUB.

Ans.—It is probable this steer is suffering from a slight electric shock, and as he is improving now, it is probable the improvement will continue. If diarrhea continues, give him 1½ ounces tincture of opium and 6 drams each of catechu and prepared chalk in a pint of water as a drench every five hours until it ceases. Also add to his drinking water one-fifth of its bulk of lime water. If his appetite is not good, give a dessertspoonful of the following three times daily, viz.: Equal parts sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nuxvomica.

V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. How should a harness race horse's legs be treated after a workout or race?
2. What is your opinion of treating spavins with hot and cold water alternately?

3. Horse got leg over tongue of wagon and bruised and scraped it badly. He has to work all the time.

4. Horse hit knee with other foot, causing fever and swelling. I want to work him right along.

E. M. G.

Ans.—1. Get a leg wash composed of tincture of ammonia 1 ounce, extract witch-hazel 2 ounces, gum camphor 1 dram, alcohol 1 pint; add water to make a quart. After a workout or race, rub legs until thoroughly dry, then rub with wash. Apply absorbent cotton and bandage. Walk for ½ to ¾ of an hour, then let stand for 3 hours, and remove bandages.

2. Have never heard of this treatment, but am satisfied it would do no good. Spavins require counter-irritation, as blistering, or firing and blistering.

3. Bathe liberally with hot water, and apply three or four times daily a lotion made of 1 ounce each of acetate of lead and sulphate of zinc, mixed with a pint of water. Of course, he should have rest.

4. This horse also should have rest. Treatment depends upon the severity of the contusions. If serum in any considerable quantity be found, the abscess must be lanced, and the cavity flushed out three times daily until healed, with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid. If lancing is not necessary, wear a knee boot and treat same as question 3.

V.

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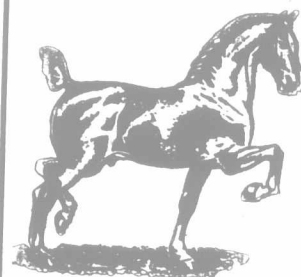
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