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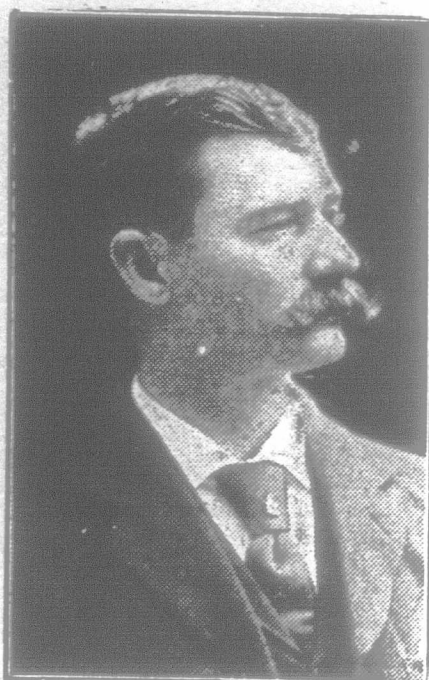
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Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Agalactia.

1. Two-year-old sow, fed on wheat and oats, farrowed twelve strong pigs, but did not have any milk.

2. If bred again, will the same condition exist? F. E. P.

Ans.—1. This is called agalactia, and is liable to occur in any female without appreciable cause. Its cause is not understood.

2. It is not possible to say definitely. In addition to chopped wheat and oats, feed a percentage of shorts during pregnancy, and if not in a season when grass is procurable, feed some raw roots daily, and allow plenty of exercise, and it is probable she will have milk. V.

Enlarged Udder.

After calving a year ago, my cow's udder became swollen and hard, but it did not interfere with health or quality or quantity of milk. It would not yield to treatment, but remained swollen until she was turned on grass, when it disappeared entirely in seven days, and the udder remained normal all season. As soon as she was brought to the stable in the fall the swelling reappeared. There is no heat or soreness, nor is the milk secretion or general health interfered with. She is now dry, but will be due to calve in July. A. H.

Ans.—This case is peculiar, but as no undesirable results follow, there is probably no occasion for alarm. Feed her on laxative food and raw roots. Get an ointment made of 2 drams each of iodine and iodide of potassium, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline, and rub some of this well into the enlarged parts once daily. In addition, massage it well two or three times daily, and give her 1 dram iodide of potassium twice daily. V.

Miscellaneous.

Ringworm.

Eight out of nine of my yearling heifers have developed a peculiar, scaly eruption about the eyes. This appears as a raised spot through the hair. It is white, and not tender. The hair then falls out, and it spreads very slowly. It is dry, and white scales fall off on rubbing. It appears to spread in a circular manner, from the eyes to the forehead.

1. What is it?
2. What is the treatment?
3. Should affected ones be isolated?

A. C.

Ans.—1. The symptoms you mention are exceedingly like those of ringworm. 2. Moisten the scales with sweet oil, then remove them, and dress with tincture of iodine daily until cured. 3. Isolate the infected individuals, and whitewash the stalls with whitewash containing a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid. The disease spreads by a germ, and will be carried on utensils, cloths, or anything of that nature.

Poultry Queries.

1. What kind of a rooster would you prefer, a long-legged one or a short-legged one?
2. What kind of feed should a laying hen have? Is oats, bran, flour, and sprouted oats, all right?
3. What temperature should a room be to put eggs in to keep for hatching, and how should you pack them? What temperature should it be or duck eggs?
4. I have two ducks and a drake which are related. Would it be better to trade drakes, and would the eggs hatch if I kept the drake?

J. W. N.

Ans.—1. This depends upon the breed. Usually, in the general-purpose breeds, a fairly short-legged bird is to be preferred.

2. Whole grain, as wheat, corn, barley, and oats or buckwheat, mixed, if possible; rolled oats in a hopper, sour milk to drink, and green feed, as cabbage, sprouted oats, mangels, etc.

3. The best temperature is from 40 to 50 degrees F. They should not be exposed to extreme heat or cold. Place them on end on a little bran chop, or some such substance, and turn daily. Duck eggs require similar treatment.

4. It would be advisable to trade drakes. However, eggs might hatch all right.

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