

Things Worth Knowing.

A.—Reduce the amount of grain fed to about half the working ration. Exercise every day and give three times a day in the feed a tablespoonful of powdered hypo-sulphite of soda. Apply zinc ointment to the cracks.

Chronic Grease.—Q.—Horse had grease very badly, but stopped after a while; legs are still swollen and very cracky and do not heal nicely; blistered twice this summer, but do not get sound.

A.—Give a half teaspoonful of grey powder in the feed twice a day, exercise or work the horse every day, and apply following lotion to parts affected:—Red iodide of mercury, one drachm; iodide of potassium, two drachms; water, one pint. Wet the scaly cracks twice a day with this.

Capped Hock.—Q.—I bought a blooded colt, 4 years old, which has a puff on the left hind leg caused by kicking against a pole, which was put in to prevent him from kicking his mate. What will take it away without leaving a scar?

A.—The puff you speak of is a capped hock, a disagreeable blemish, as it labels the horse a kicker, and it is very difficult to remove. You must first arrange his stall so that there is nothing for him to bruise his hock against, if he should kick. Then apply the following:—Bismuth of mercury, two drachms; iodide of potassium, a sufficient quantity to dissolve the mercury in 10 ounces of soft water. Wet the swelling with this twice a day. When the skin becomes irritated stop the application until it recovers its usual condition.

Capped Elbow.—Q.—I have a mare 5 years old, has a lump on leg, and by picture of an unsound horse, I would call it a capped elbow. It is a soft lump and runs matter at times like a running sore.

A.—The swelling should be lanced at the lowest point. Keep the edge of the knife turned away from the bone and don't be afraid to make a deep incision. After the pus has run out wash the cavity with a solution of carbolic acid in water, 1 part to 20, using a syringe. Do this twice a day until it heals. See that she cannot bruise the part with heel of shoe, or by lying on bare floor.

Barbed Wire Cuts and Wounds.—Q.—A bad barb wire cut across shoulder of mare, done more than a year ago; was healed up, but part of it swelled, and the part gets puffy with use and rubs sore. I have fixed collar sweat-pad to avoid pressure. Can you tell me how to take down the swelling or disperse it?

A.—Make a lotion by dissolving one ounce of sulphate of zinc and one ounce of acetate of lead in a quart of rain water and bathe the swelling frequently with it. This lotion should also be applied as a preventative as soon as the collar is removed after work. Apply a little zinc ointment to the raw place.