

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

SORE NECK.

I bought a horse three months ago. His neck is sore and itchy. When the collar is taken off the neck seems greasy. I have discovered that he has been this way for six years.

Ans.—It is probable an operation will be necessary to cure this chronic trouble. There is probably a fistula which will have to be cut down on and its walls dissected out. Try the following, and if it does not effect a cure, get your veterinarian to operate: Take 2 ozs. formalin and 6 ozs. water, mix, and dress the neck twice daily with it.

MULTIPLE ABSCESSSES.

Mare took a swelling on abdomen. This disappeared, and then several small boils formed along her back. These broke and discharged yellow matter. Now there is one as large as a goose egg on her shoulder.

Ans.—These abscesses are due to an alteration in the blood. Purge her with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow up with 1½ ozs. Fowler's solution of arsenic, twice daily for 10 days. All abscesses should be opened freely and the cavities flushed out three times daily with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid in water.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Cow calved on March 22nd, but gives little milk. One morning three teats gave watery fluid, but since then the milk has been of good quality, but very small in quantity. I purged her with salt and rubbed the udder with liniment. The udder is soft and natural. She gets for a grain ration one quart of barley and pea chop per day.

2. Is it advisable to breed a filly that will be two years old in May?

3. Is barley and pea chop a suitable grain ration for cows before and after calving?

Ans.—1. There is evidently no disease of the udder. The principal trouble is you are not feeding to produce milk. One quart of chop daily for a milking cow is very meagre. Give her all the good clover hay she will eat. Get chop composed of 2 parts oats and 1 part each of barley and peas, and give her a gallon of this and a gallon of bran as a mash three times daily. In addition, give a small allowance of pulped roots, mangels preferred. Feed after this fashion, and milk regularly, and you will soon notice an improvement.

2. Most breeders consider a well-matured two-year-old filly old enough to breed, but some claim that she should not be bred until three years old. I see no objections to breeding a two-year-old, but would not breed her earlier than June.

3. No. The chop mentioned in No. 1 is more suitable.

Miscellaneous.

MILK FEVER.

What are the symptoms and what the best remedy for milk fever in cows?

Ans.—The symptoms are refusal to eat, a slight uneasiness of gait, crossing the hind legs, and a swaying motion when walking, later the head droops, there is a stamping of the feet, and whisking of the tail, paralysis comes on, the cow becomes stupefied, and lies with the head around to the flank, or flat on the side, and the animal lapses into a state of coma. As the system is paralyzed, no attempt should be made to administer medicine, as the animal is incapable of swallowing, and the medicine will enter the bronchial tubes and cause suffocation. The treatment is simple. With a bicycle pump, or a bulb syringe, and a milk tube attached, fill each quarter of the udder full of air and tie each teat with tape to prevent escape of air. It is well in extreme cases to massage the udder to force the air up into the system, and refill with air. In most cases relief, or a complete cure, is effected within an hour or two, even when the cow has lain in bed for a day or more.

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