

Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Indurated Quarter.

Cow calved in June. In two or three weeks one hind quarter became inflamed and swollen, and it is going dry, and the quarter is not getting much better. Had I better breed her again? R. S.

Ans.—The quarter has become indurated, and it is doubtful if it can be successfully treated now. Get an ointment made of two drams each of iodine and iodide of potassium, mixed with two ounces vaseline, and rub a little well into the quarter once daily. Unless the quarter regains its normal condition, it will not be wise to breed her again. V.

Calf With Cough.

Eight-months-old calf is very thin and has a cough. The trouble seems to be in the throat, as there is sometimes difficulty in swallowing. A. D. McL.

Ans.—The symptoms very strongly indicate tubercular disease of the glands of the throat, for which nothing can be done. The only definite means of diagnosis is the tuberculin test by a veterinarian. It is possible there may be a growth in the throat, or enlarged glands, which might be removed by a veterinarian, but the administration of medicines will do no good. V.

Diarrhoea.

The other day one of my steers on grass took diarrhoea. I took him home and gave him small doses of laudanum and castor oil. The diarrhoea ceased, and I gave him a little raw oil. He will not eat much, and I am giving him milk and gruel. What caused the diarrhoea? A. L. C.

Ans.—The diarrhoea was probably caused by some weed or irritant he got in the grass. Get equal quantities of powdered sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger, and nuxvomica. Mix, and give him a tablespoonful three or four times daily mixed with milk or water and given as a drench. Add to his drinking water one-quarter of its bulk of lime water. Keep in the stable until he regains his appetite and his bowels become normal. V.

Sore Necks.

Small pimples appear on my horses' necks under the collars. In a couple of days they break and discharge matter. The friction of the collars causes them to become swollen and painful. J. C.

Ans.—Give each horse a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Feed bran only until purgation commences, and allow them to stand idle until the bowels regain their normal condition. Then give each 1½ ounces of Fowler's Solution of Arsenic three times daily for a week. Open up each of these little lumps freely with a knife, and then dress three times daily until healed with a lotion made of 1 ounce each of acetate of lead and sulphate of zinc, mixed with a pint of water. It is very hard to treat these cases without giving the horses rest. In some cases heavy breast collars are used instead of collar and hames. V.

Navicular Disease.

Three-year-old horse goes lame in near fore foot. When grazing he keeps this foot out in front of the other, with the toe resting upon the ground. When standing he also does this, and sometimes stands on it for a few minutes, and then holds it up as if in pain. He has had two months' rest on pasture, but is no better. R. S.

Ans.—The horse has navicular disease, and the prospects of a cure are very slight. The symptoms can be relieved some by a long rest and blistering repeatedly. Get a blister made of 2 drams each of cantharides and biniodide of mercury, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off for two inches high all around the hoof. Tie so that he cannot bite the parts. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days. On the third day apply sweet oil and turn loose in a box stall. Oil every day until the scale comes off, then tie up and blister again, and after this blister once every month as long as you can give him rest. V.

Stopping Self-Sucking.

I once owned a cow that sucked herself. She was the best cow I ever owned (and I have owned more than one cow). She was too good to go to the block. I tried everything I knew or could hear of, all to no purpose. She could get around any of them, except one that was cruel. It punished me to see my favorite cow punished so cruelly. A little sawed off, crooked-legged, bony-shanked, Welsh boy, came to help me with the dairy work. He said: "I fix dot foolish cow, I makes him think's some uder things but dot foolish bize-ness."

He buckled an old horse collar around her neck "wrong side to" as he expressed it, the bulge or shoulder pad toward the head, but the wise cow was not to be cheated out of her favorite beverage. He took two collars and sewed them together and put them on her; that got her tag. To my knowledge, she has not sucked herself from that day to this. When she goes to the stanchion we take it off. When she comes out we put it on. I have tried it on more than one cow. One collar usually does the work, but if one won't do the work, try two. They are light, and will not annoy the cow very much, just make her think that something funny has happened, and she shakes her head in disgust, snorts a little, and blows her nose for spite. If they tend to irritate the skin on neck, wrap them in a soft cloth.—Dairyman, in Maritime Farmer.

Trade Topic.

THE WESTERN FAIR, SEPTEMBER 11TH TO 19TH.

A study of the Western Fair prize lists this year reveals the fact that the increase of \$1,500 to the Live-stock Department has been well-adjusted throughout the list. The exhibit of horses has always been a very attractive feature of London's Exhibition, and this year promises to be even better than ever. Five hundred dollars of the \$1,500 increase was placed by the Board on the horse classes, and it certainly will bring the best there is to be found to compete. The Secretary has already had considerable correspondence with a number of large cattle breeders, who have intimated their intention of bringing their herds to the Exhibition this year. Exhibitors of live stock of all kinds at the Western Fair invariably express themselves as well satisfied with the business they do while at the exhibition, as there is such a large farming country surrounding London, there is always plenty of buyers for first-class stock. The management have erected another large horse barn, so there will be plenty of good stable accommodation, and everything possible will be done for the comfort of exhibitors. Prize list, entry forms, programmes, and all information will be promptly given on application to the Secretary at the general offices, Richmond street, London, Ont.

Gossip.

GEO. GIER & SON'S SHORTHORNS.

Few stock bulls in service in this country have proven their sterling worth through the winnings of their get to the same extent as has Mildred's Royal. A great show bull himself in his younger days, he has transmitted his show qualities to very many of his sons and daughters since he has headed the high-class herd of Geo. Gier & Son some seven years now, and to-day, in his twelfth year, he was never more successful as a sire of show stock, as evidenced by a son of his winning junior championship at Toronto last year, besides several others of his get in the top places, and for this year's show at Toronto, the Messrs. Gier will have several of his sons and daughters that no former year has excelled in faultless lines and wealth of flesh. In the herd are many of his daughters from calves up to mature cows, the one-, two- and three-year-olds being extra in depth and evenness of flesh. In young bulls there are three from eight to ten months of age, all of them considerably above the average. One red, ten months, is an Emmeline; another, nine months, is a roan Lydia Languish; another roan, nine months, is a Marr Stamford. Look up the Gier exhibit at Toronto's Exhibition.

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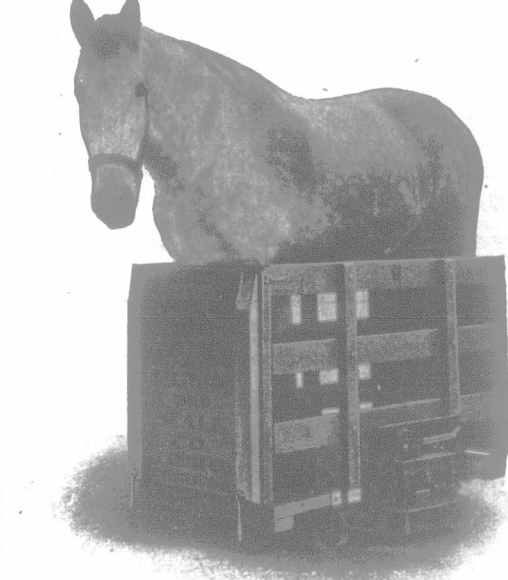
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