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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

FENCE-WIRING.

Is it lawful for a neighbor to put wire of a fence on my side, the fence being put up about six or eight months ago, and the owner not knowing until now that the fence was put up in this way? What means can I take to have him remove the wire to his own side?

Ontario.

Ans.—We do not see that you are in a position, legally, to compel such removal of wire.

ITCHING PIGS.

I have a litter of Yorkshire pigs, four months old, that have become desperately itchy. It commenced perhaps six weeks or two months ago, about the ears, the backs of which got somewhat scabby, especially the edges, but they are all right now, except the edges, and the whole body now is affected, keeping the pigs in a state of irritation.

R. H.

Ans.—The trouble may be due to impure blood, but more likely is mange, and is due to a very small mite, which can be readily seen with a magnifying glass. This mite burrows in the skin, causing an exudate, which forms a scab, and also produces a constant itching irritation. The disease is transmitted by contagion. Remove all well pigs from the premises where the diseased pigs are. Thoroughly disinfect the pens with a strong solution of carbolic acid, or a coal-tar disinfectant. Wash the pigs all over with soft soap, and then rub in well, dry sulphur. In a day or two, give the animals another washing and sulphur treatment. A very sure treatment is to boil for one hour two ounces of stavesacre seeds in 1½ quarts of water, and keep it nearly boiling for one hour longer. Make up the water to the original quantity used. Such a solution kills both the parasite and its eggs. Repeat in a week, if necessary.

BOG SPAVIN—CUT KNEE.

1. I have a Clydesdale filly two years old; she was never halter-broken until this summer; had always run with other colts, and I had a big job in halter-breaking her. She would throw herself, and jump and pull back, etc. Now she has a small swelling on the front of the hock joint, and towards the inside. I am told it is bog spavin. It is about as big as a walnut, and soft. What will I do for it? Also, she has the appearance of starting a small thoroughpin on same leg. What would you advise doing with the leg?

2. Suckling colt got his knee cut; it ran a lot of pus; I washed it out with soap and water and put boric acid in the cut, but it took a long time to heal, and is badly swollen at present, though now it is all healed up; have put iodine on it, and think it has reduced the swelling some. The joint works all right, but the colt is still lame. Please advise what to do.

C. H. P.

Ans.—1. Judging from the treatment your filly has received in halter-breaking, it is altogether likely that she is developing both a bog spavin and a thoroughpin, according to your own diagnosis. Long rest and repeated blistering, form a standard treatment for both these ailments. Clip the hair off the part affected, and tie the head so the filly cannot bite the part. Rub well with an ointment made of two drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces of vaseline. Two applications, one each day, should be made; on the third day, wash and rub with sweet oil. Turn in a roomy stall, and oil the hock daily, till scale comes off, then tie up and repeat.

2. It is probable that the cut has healed over at the surface while still infected beneath, if so, the swelling will be soft, due to the pus within, and should be opened. The wound should be kept open and washed daily with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid, or a two- to three-per-cent. solution of some of the coal-tar disinfectants. Such a wound should heal from the bottom. If the services of a veterinarian are obtainable, it would be well to engage them.

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