

Questions and Answers

Veterinary.
SORE THROAT.

I have a four year old driving horse that has taken a bad cough, can be heard breathing twenty yards away. Pulse and temperature normal, apparently healthy, otherwise, eats his feed well but hurts him to drink. Running some at the nostrils of a greenish color. Man.

S. H. S. B.

Ans.—Your horse is suffering from laryngitis, sore throat, probably the result of acute catarrh. Cause the animal to breathe warm moisture for fifteen or twenty minutes, three times daily, until distressed breathing disappears. This can be easily done by pouring hot water on to a small quantity of chopped hay and placing it in proper position. Give one of the following powders three times daily by placing well back on the tongue with a tablespoon: Chlorate of potassium, nitrate of potassium and powdered licorice, of each one and a half ounces; divide into twelve powders. Apply to the throat externally: Soap liniment, four ounces; tincture of cantharides, two ounces; tincture of opium, one ounce. It is not a contagious disease.

LAME COLT.

I have a colt that has been lame for a month on left hind leg at stifle joint was swollen and very hot. The soreness has moved to right stifle and there is quite a lump on left stifle. Would you please let me know what is the best thing to do?

Sask.

W. R. G.

Ans.—If you had mentioned whether your colt was a sucker, a one year old, or a two year old, it would have materially assisted us in forming an approximately correct diagnosis of the case. The symptoms you have mentioned would indicate the disease to be arthritis, or an inflamed condition of the tissues of the joint. The treatment is often very unsatisfactory. Put the colt in a roomy, clean, well lighted and well ventilated box stall. Keep bowels open with laxative food and occasional small doses of sulphate of magnesia. Give three times daily from half a dram to two drams of salicylate of soda, according to age. As an external application rub into the effected joints morning and evening until skin becomes sore the following liniment: Liniment iodide of ammonia, six ounces; soap liniment, two ounces; mix.

CALVES NOT EATING.

Can you tell me what is the trouble with my calves. When they come they appear all right. I let them run with cow for a few days and then take them away and they will run and play but do not eat very well and soon get poor. Take very little at a time and very slow perhaps two quarts, but never would eat without I held their head in the milk. One calf was all right at night and the next morning was dead. The last calf drank the best it ever did and in about ten minutes began to bloat and act as though it was in pain, in less than half an hour it was dead; we gave it soda and before it died about a quart of foam and a terrible odor came from its nose.

Alta.

S. D. C.

Ans.—The trouble seems to be in connection with the digestive organs caused by improper food. Perhaps the sudden change of diet from the new freshly drawn milk of the cow, to skimmed, and perhaps partially soured milk fed from dirty pails may be the sole cause of the fatality among your calves. If this should be the cause the remedy is plainly indicated.

ROPY MILK.

My customers have been complaining about my milk. They say if they set it away for twelve hours or fifteen hours that the cream is stringy and chunky, and that they cannot get it to mix with the milk of dissolve in their tea, although the milk is perfectly sweet. I find upon setting up samples, say a quart or two, that what they say is true. My cattle are in good order, apparently in good health, on good pasture, supplied with good water, with salt at their disposal nearly every day.



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DOG DISTEMPER.

1. Dog, three months old, has lost the use of his limbs. His neck is stiff, and his body seems sore. He takes convulsions and coughs.

G. H.

Ans.—1. The dog has distemper, which requires prompt treatment. It is doubtful whether treatment will be of any use now. Keep him comfortable. Give him an emetic of 5 grains each sulphate of zinc, calomel and tartar emetic in 2 ounces of warm water. Follow up with 1 grain quinine and 3 grains nitrate of potash three times daily. Apply cloths wrung out of hot water to his neck, and give him anything he will eat. This disease is liable to various complications, which require treatment according to symptoms, hence I would advise you to call your veterinarian in.

PERVIOUS URACHUS.

What is the cause of a foal leaking from the navel? Give treatment.

T. W.

Ans.—This is called pervious urachus, and is due to a nonclosure of a tube

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