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Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Partial Paralysis.

My sheep grind their teeth, shake their heads, eat little, and cannot walk well. They seem to be weak on their legs.

M. Z.

Ans.—This is partial paralysis. It is probably due to digestive derangement. Purge each with 6 ounces Epsom salts and 1 ounce ginger. Follow up with 8 grains nux vomica three times daily. Feed on good clover hay, whole oats, and raw roots. V.

Itchy Tail—Worms.

1. Weanling colt backs up against the side of the stall and rubs the root of his tail.

2. Mare passes worms about five inches long, with one end black and the rest white. H. M.

Ans.—1. Make a solution of corrosive sublimate 40 grains to a quart of water. Heat this to about 100 degrees Fahr., and rub well into the skin of the tail once every second day until itchiness ceases.

2. Take 3 ounces each of sulphate of iron, sulphate of copper, and tartar emetic. Mix, and make into 24 powders. Give her a powder every night and morning. After the last has been taken, give her a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. V.

Skin Disease.

Last fall my mare became itchy and rubbed mane and tail. Later the trouble extended to ears, face, neck, withers, etc. The hair came out in patches. She rubs herself whenever she gets a chance. F. T. R.

Ans.—This is either eczema or lice. It will be wise to clip her, but of course, you will have to be very careful to keep her comfortable and well clothed, or else do not clip until spring. Make a solution of corrosive sublimate 30 grains to a quart of water. Heat this to about 100 degrees Fahr., and rub her well with it once every third day until itchiness ceases. Clothe warmly, and tie so that she cannot lick herself after rubbing until she is thoroughly dry. Give her 1½ ounces Fowler's Solution of Arsenic twice daily for a week. V.

Tuberculosis.

About three months ago one of my cows began to fail and had a nasty, dry cough. Fearing tuberculosis, I had my veterinarian test the herd. The suspected cow did not react, but all the rest except one reacted. With the one exception, all are in good condition, and apparently perfectly healthy.

1. Is their milk fit to send to a cheese factory?
2. Would it be wise to allow them to raise calves?
3. Is it possible that the cows that did not react are diseased?
4. Might not some that did react be all right?
5. Will it be necessary to slaughter those apparently healthy?

W. M. McL.

Ans.—1. No.
2. No. But if the calves are not allowed to nurse the dams at all, but removed from the herd and raised on milk from healthy cows, it is highly probable they will remain healthy.

3. This is possible, especially in the suspected one. When the disease has reached that stage of development in which some vital organ or organs are sufficiently diseased to interfere with their functions and cause loss of flesh, etc., and especially if the temperature be above normal before the injection of the tuberculin, there is often no reaction. It is even possible that the test may not give a reaction in an apparently healthy animal that is diseased, but this very seldom occurs.

4. We think not. Our experience has taught us that when the test is properly conducted it will not condemn a healthy animal.

5. Slaughter is not compulsory. A man must act according to his own judgment. A tubercular cow that is apparently healthy, is probably as dangerous as one in which the disease causes clinical symptoms. As the herd, with the exception of one (we think the suspected cow is diseased) is all diseased, we certainly consider it would be unwise to keep it for dairy purposes, and few would buy the animals for beef. V.

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