

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

WORMS IN COLT.

I have a colt, rising two years old, that is bad with worms. What is the best treatment in such a case? W.E.P.

Ans.—See this question answered on page 214, February 11th issue.

WORMS IN MARE.

Kindly state in your next issue what to give brood mare that is troubled with worms; also yearling colt has them. J. C.

Ans.—A question similar to this was fully answered in our Feb. 11th issue, page 214.

LAME HORSE.

Horse has been lame eighteen months. Have not treated. Do you think firing would be a sure cure, and would you advise me to get a veterinarian to operate, or can anybody do as well? H. Le C.

Ans.—As you give no particulars, not even mentioning whether he is lame before or behind, I cannot give a valuable opinion as to the probable result of firing, but I may say that neither firing nor other treatment is a sure cure. If he is lame from ringbone, spavin, splint, chronic sprain, etc., firing will be good treatment. I certainly advise you to employ a veterinarian, as it requires both skill and practice to operate properly. V.

LUMP ON STIFLE.

Mare got kicked on stifle. The wound healed, but left a lump as large as a hen's egg. J. S.

Ans.—This will be hard to remove. Blister with the following: Two drams each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Clip hair off. Rub blister well in. Tie so that she cannot bite the parts. In twenty-four hours, rub well again, and in twenty-four hours longer, wash off, and apply sweet oil. Let her loose now, and oil every day. When the scale comes off tie up and blister again, and repeat once every month, as long as necessary. It will be better if she be given rest during treatment. V.

FEEDING PIGS—LYMPHANGITIS.

1. How often should newly-weaned pigs be fed?
2. Mare gets lame and swells on inside of thighs, generally one leg at a time. H. V.

Ans.—1. Four times at first, and after a few weeks, three times.
2. This is lymphangitis, commonly called weed, a shot of grease, etc. It is caused by want of exercise, and good food. Prevention consists in giving regular exercise, and when this cannot be done, withholding grain and giving bran instead. Treatment consists in purging with six to eight drams calomel and two drams ginger, and follow up with one dram iodide of potash, three times daily for a week; bathing the leg long and often with warm water, and then applying camphorated liniment. When lameness disappears, exercise will dissipate the swelling. Repeated attacks are usually followed by a chronic big leg, called elephantitis, for which practically nothing can be done. V.

TENDER BACK, AND SPRAIN.

1. Horse seems sore on back in front of hips. Pressure over the kidneys causes him to flinch.
2. Another horse sprained hind fetlock. There is no heat, but some swelling, and pain upon pressure. She is very lame. C. P.

Ans.—1. The idea that kidney trouble makes the muscles of the loins tender is a mistake. Your horse is naturally sensitive to pressure in this region, and finching is not due to disease or injury. Many horses will flinch and lick if pressed or pinched in the region of the loins.

2. Give her rest. Clip the hair off all around the joint, and blister with two drams each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Rub the blister well in. Tie so that she cannot bite the parts. In twenty-four hours, rub well again with the blister, and in twenty-four hours longer, wash off, and apply sweet oil. Let her loose now, and oil every day. When the scale has all fallen off, tie up and blister again, and repeat the blister treatment as long as necessary. V.

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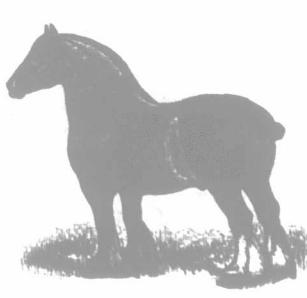
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Ans.—This affection in the dog is usually the result of badly treated or severe distemper, and the treatment of it is very often unsatisfactory. Everything should be done to improve the health of the animal and the tonicity of the nervous system. The diet should be good milk porridge and lean meat, a comfortable kennel, plenty of fresh air, and moderate exercise is necessary. A

water bath every morning, heated to 105 degrees, with plenty of rubbing with a coarse towel afterwards is sometimes beneficial. Give three times daily, in a tablespoonful of water: Nux vomica, fluid extract, two drops.

INDOLENT SORE.

I have a mare with an indolent sore about the size of half a dollar on the side of pastern joint, owing to a caulk now a year or so old. It has healed off and on, but in very muddy weather or in wet snowy weather, as at present, it seems to granulate a little, and then crack open and become sore again. Kindly advise and oblige. ENQUIRER.

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