

**THE WATERDOWN REVIEW**

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**THE CURE OF RINGWORM**

Disagreeable, Contagious Disease of Farm Animals.

The Symptoms Carefully Described  
 —Treatment Carefully Applied  
 Usually Successful—A Fly Spray  
 —September Notes.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Ringworm is a contagious disease to which all classes of animals, including man, are subject.

Calves and young cattle appear to be more susceptible to the trouble than other animals, but no age renders an animal immune. It is purely a skin disease, and is due to the presence of a vegetable parasite, which is readily capable of being conveyed from one animal to another by direct contact, the hands of the attendant, pails, stable utensils, clothing, harness, saddles, blankets, the contact of one animal with the stalls, etc., of affected animals, etc.

In like manner, curry-combs, brushes, rubbing cloths, etc., that are used on affected animals of any class, if used on other animals, become a fertile cause of infection.

**Symptoms.**

While any part of the animal may be the seat of the disease, the skin around the eyes and on the face, and on the neck and back, appears to be the favorite seat. The first symptom shown is usually an itching, which is followed by a slight form of eruption, which soon assumes the appearance of little yellowish scabs forming a circular space; hence the term "ringworm." A variable number of these circular patches may be noticed on different parts of the body. They are of a yellowish color when fresh, but become lighter in color as they grow older; the hairs become bristly, some break off, and some become split. When the disease is not checked the affected areas become more numerous and the patient apparently suffers acutely from itching, and sometimes rubs against solid objects with such force as to cause bleeding. If a scale be removed and the under surface examined by a magnifying glass, the parasite can be seen.

**Treatment.**  
 In order that the spread of the disease may be checked, it is necessary that great care be taken to avoid the conveyance of the virus from the diseased to healthy animals. Where practicable, it is well to remove all non-infected animals to non-infected premises. If this cannot be done, the diseased animals should be isolated, and the premises in which they had been kept should be disinfected by thoroughly sweeping and dusting, and then giving a thorough coat of an insecticide, as a hot 10 per cent. of one of the coal tar antiseptics or carbolic acid, or a coat of hot lime wash with 5 per cent. carbolic acid. This precaution is desirable on account of the virus lodging in stalls, bedding, etc., and infecting other animals.

Local treatment consist in moistening the scales with warm water and soap, or sweet oil, removing them in order to expose the unprotected surfaces of the affected areas. It is good practice to burn these scales. An insecticide, as tincture of iodine, or an ointment made of two drams white hellebore mixed with an ounce of vasoline, or, in fact, any reliable non-irritant insecticide, once or twice daily until cured.—J. H. Reed, V.S., O. A. College, Guelph.

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