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#### Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Cement for Wall—Corns—Scratches. 1. I intend putting a cement wall under my barn. The dimensions are 32 x 70 feet. How high would it be advisable

to build it for cows? 2. How thick?

3. How much cement would it take for the wall and floor?

4. What is good for soft corns on a horse?

5. What is good for scratches? H. W.

Ans.-1. A good many of the newer stables are on a nine-foot wall.

2. One foot. 3. About 56 barrels for the wall, and about 30 barrels for the floor.

4. Remove the shoe if the horse is shod. Pare away carefully. Allow the pus to escape if any is present. Cut the heel down and pare away the sole, but do not cause bleeding. Give the animal rest, and poultice the foot. If it must be shod, use a bar shoe. 5. Purge with eight drams aloes and

two drams ginger. Follow up with one ounce Fowler's Solution of Arsenic twice daily every alternate week for six weeks. If bad, poultice with hot linseed - meal poultices for three days and nights, and afterwards dress three or four times daily with an ointment made of six drams boracic acid, twenty drops carbolic acid, and two ounces vaseline. If the parts get too soft, dress with a lotion made of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, mixed with a pint of water. Always apply a little ointment before taking out in cold weather. Never wash.

### Itchy Legs and Splints.

1. I have three registered Clydesdale mares that have itchy legs practically all winter. They chew at them with their teeth, stamp, and bite them very frequently. The horses are exercised every day, and cleaned, and the stable floors are cleaned twice a day, and the horses are in good condition otherwise. The judge at a recent fair remarked about the excellent feathering on one of them as he placed her first, and yet there is something wrong. The other horses are not troubled this way. There is no sign of mange or anything of that kind. Could you give a remedy?

2. Can a splint be removed, and how? 3. Will a mixture of silage and straw, and ground oats, be good for horses?

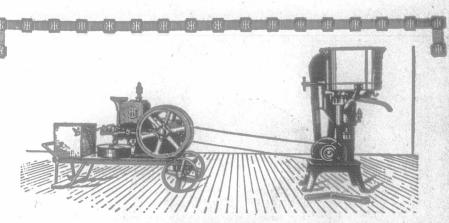
4. How many oats would be advisable to feed a growing foal during winter? Would all it would eat be too many? A. B. M.

Ans.-1. Itchy legs are very common amongst heavy horses with hairy legs. If the mares are not in foal, administer a purgative of 8 to 10 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow this with 1 ounce Fowler's Solution of Arsenic twice daily for a week, skip one week, and repeat again. Dissolve 30 grains of corrosive sublimate in a quart of water. Wash legs twice daily, rubbing it well into the skin. When done, dry thoroughly with a flannel cloth. If the mare is in foal, do not give internal medicine, but resort to external applications. Never apply ointment containing any oil

or grease. 2. Splints can be removed by operations with saw and chisel, but that treatment is now being opposed by leading veterinarians. Where lameness exists and treatment is considered necessary, it is wise to blister. Use 2 drams of biniodide of mercury and 2 drams of cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces of lard or vaseline. Tie the animal up, clip the hair off the affected part, and rub the ointment thoroughly into the splint once daily for two days. On the third day, wash off the ointment and apply sweet oil. If necessary, repeat in one month's

3. Straw, silage and ground oats, will be all right for horses provided the silage is firm, well - matured corn, and not mouldy or impaired. Good silage will not hurt horses. Bad silage is liable to cause serious results. The mixture will

be good. 4. Some colts would not use discretion in their diet and might injure themselves. A large colt should have about four quarts per day, and a small one from two to three quarts. Crushed oats are preferable for the foal.



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