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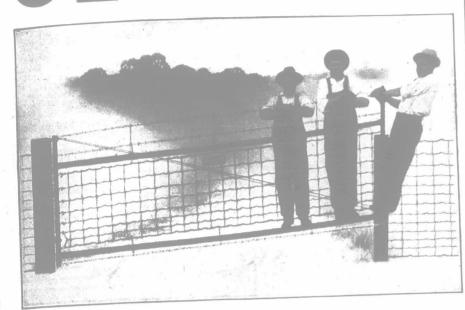
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THRUSH.

Mare has thrush in one hind foot. It has extended above the hoof and nearly around the leg.

Ans.—Thrush is a disease of the frog, and does not extend to the skin. The trouble above the hoof must be scratches or cracked heels. Keep clean, but do not wash. Keep clean by brushing when dry, and apply 3 times daily a lotion made of 1 oz. each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, mixed with a pint of water. For the thrush, clean out the cleft of the frog thoroughly, and keep horse in thoroughly dry quarters. Mix 1 part formalin to 3 parts water, and pour a little into the cleft, then out a little batting in to keep dirt out. Remove batting and put a little of the fluid in every second day until discharge and odor cease.

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I bought a four-year-old horse, and I find that he has a habit of swinging his nead from side to side in the stall. One fore toe turns out when either standing or travelling. Is the habit the cause of the toe turning out? F. W. LeL.

Ans.—The habit is a form of chorea, a nervous affection, and is called weaving. Medical treatment does no good. It may be checked to some extent, and, possibly, eventually cured, by tying him with two straps, one to each side of the stall, so that he cannot practice the vice. The vice is not responsible for the formation of the foot. This is a congenital and very undesirable conformation, as it predisposes to speedy cut, or knocking the other leg or knee with the foot. Nothing can be done for it, except careful shoeing, and it is often necessary to wear shin or knee boots, or both, in order to prevent injury.

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Ans.-This condition is called "agalactia." It occasionally occurs without appreciable cause, but there must be a speial cause in your case, as so many are affected. I think it is due to food and surroundings. Offal is not good food for preeding sows; neither is a manure cellar a good place for them. Allow your pregnant sows regular exercise, keep in perfectly clean, dry, and well-ventilated pens, feed on milk, table slops, chopped grain, shorts and raw roots, and I think you will have no trouble. When bred again, allow them to run on grass, and it is probable you will have at least reasonable success. For those that will soon farrow, little can be done, but a change of food and surroundings for those that will not farrow soon should prove valu-

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