

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS IN DOG.

Dog has been sick for some time. He is dull; will not eat, and coughs mostly all the time.

R. M. S.

Ans.—He has chronic bronchitis, which is very hard to treat. Make a warm woolen blanket that will cover the breast and chest well. Apply mustard, mixed with water, to breast and chest. Leave it on for an hour, and repeat daily for three times. Keep comfortable; avoid drafts, etc., and give him 4 grains quinine three times daily. Give him anything he will eat.

V.

WORMS.

Mare throws her head up, and turns up her lips as if in pain, and I have noticed a white substance around the rectum.

C. M. W.

Ans.—This is probably only a habit, and is possibly caused by intestinal worms. Take 1½ ounces each sulphate of iron, sulphate of copper, tartar emetic and calomel. Mix, and make into 12 powders. Give a powder every night and morning. Give bran only for 12 hours after she takes the last powder, then give a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and feed bran only for 24 hours longer. Do not work after giving the ball, until her bowels regain their normal condition.

V.

UTERINE IRRITATION.

The placenta had to be removed by hand from our cow. She discharges a matted substance. She eats well, but is getting thin. Is the trouble infectious? Is the milk healthy?

A. G.

Ans.—There is an irritable condition of the lining of the uterus. Flush the womb out every third day as long as the nozzle of the injection pump will enter easily, with 2 gallons of a three-per-cent. solution of Zenoleum heated to 100 degrees, Fahr. Give, internally, 30 drops carbolic acid in a pint of cold water as a drench three times daily, until the discharge ceases. I think it would be wise to call your veterinarian in, as an injection pump is necessary, and it requires some skill to use it properly. It is not infectious, and the milk is healthful.

V.

UNTHRIFTY MARE.

1. Mare raised a foal last summer. Her coat is dry and hard, and urine scanty and high-colored. She is in foal again.

2. Killed a hen; wife opened her and found several soft-shelled eggs of different sizes in her. Was her flesh fit to eat?

J. Y.

Ans.—1. Give her a diuretic compound of four drams each nitrate of potash and resin every night in soft food for three doses. Feed on good hay, chopped oats and bran, with a pint of linseed meal each day, equally divided in the three meals. Give one dram each sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nuxvomica twice daily. If she will not eat this in her feed, mix with a pint of cold water and drench. Give regular exercise.

V.

SPAVIN—ENLARGED LEGS.

1. Driving mare has blood spavin.
2. Three-year-old colt got his leg cut between hock and fetlock. It is healed now, but the leg is swollen.

G. W. C.

Ans.—I presume you mean a bog spavin. If she is not lame, and you are not anxious to reduce the bog, leave her alone. If she is lame, or you want to reduce it, give her rest and blister. Take 2 drams each, biiodide of mercury and cantharides, and mix with 2 ozs. vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts, tie head so that she cannot bite the parts; rub the blister well in daily for two applications, and on the third day wash off and apply sweet oil. Let head down now, turn into a box stall, and oil every night. As soon as the scale comes off blister again, and once monthly afterwards as long as necessary.

3. Hand rub and bandage the leg, and give 1 dram iodide of potash internally three times daily every second week.

V.

LEG SWELLS—DIARRHOEA.

1. Mare swells on one hind leg. The back of the leg is rough and scruddy. She shows some lameness.

2. Pregnant mare, 18 years old, has chronic diarrhoea. When on pasture she is all right.

A. E. K.

Ans.—Give a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow up with 1 dram iodide of potash three times daily every alternate week. Dress the scruddy or raw parts with oxide of zinc ointment; keep dry and give regular exercise.

2. It is quite probable defective mastication is the cause. Have her teeth dressed; add to her drinking water about ½ of its bulk of lime water. If this does not check the trouble, give 2 drams powdered opium and 4 drams each of catechu and chalk in a pint of cold water as a drench every 5 or 6 hours until the diarrhoea ceases.

V.

Miscellaneous.

MARRIED WOMAN'S PROPERTY.

1. The farm we are on is heavily mortgaged, and in case of my husband failing, could furniture bought by me, through keeping boarders on the farm, but allowing two-thirds for expenses to my husband, be taken from me?

2. I bought a piano to teach a few pupils; could it be taken if it is being paid for by me with the proceeds derived from selling honey? I have a large number of bees. The piano was bought by me personally.

3. Could I conscientiously send my children to high school, to prepare them for teachers, through the proceeds of my turkeys, if I allow my husband for all grain consumed by them, and a small rent for the building I use for the little ones? I raise a large number of turkeys annually.

4. Could money given to me and used for stock or fowl or furniture, could any of these things be seized if my own family gave the money to me?

5. When married first a few animals belonged to me; could I still have their value in the stock my husband has?

6. If I take entire care of a number of bees, and pay for every expense they incur, is not that money my own?

Ontario.

Ans.—1. No.

2. No.

3. Yes.

4. No.

5. We think not.

6. Yes.

"READER."

TANNING SKINS, ETC.

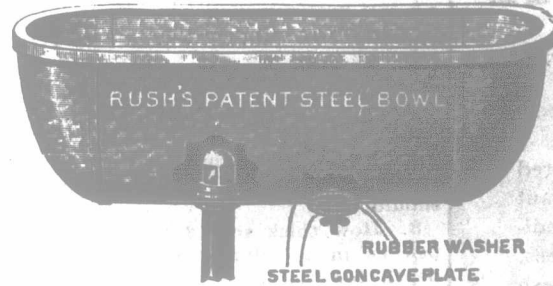
Would you kindly write in your paper how to tan hides, such as minks, muskrats, dogs, skunks, woodchucks, etc.?

G. A. C.

Ans.—The best possible way to secure a good job on a skin of any kind would be to send it to a tannery, where there is every facility for doing the work. The cost would probably not exceed \$1.00. If it is decided to do the tanning at home, soak well in soft water for about two or three days to make it perfectly soft, then scrape off all the flesh and fat. When thoroughly cleaned, put the skin into a tan, composed of equal parts alum and salt dissolved in hot water, seven pounds of alum and salt to twelve pounds water, or in these proportions. The skin can be left in the brine for two days, after which it should be hung up and well scraped or shaved to soften it. After shaving well, put the hide back into the brine for a day or two; then hang up till quite dry, and shave or scrape again. After this apply a coat of oil, roll up in damp sawdust, and lay away till dry. Apply a good coat of soft soap, and lay away again in sawdust. As scraping is the main operation in softening the skin, it should be well worked again when dry. Two men drawing the skin back and forth over a round pole will impart a pliability to it.

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