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LYMPHANGITIS.

Horse is sore on inside of one hind leg and is somewhat swollen in the hock. I thought it was lymphangitis and gave him an aloetic purgative, but he is not much better. H. D.

Ans.—Your diagnosis is doubtless correct. Feed lightly on bran and hay. Bathe the sore and swollen parts well four or five times daily with hot water, and after bathing, rub with camphorated liniment, with which any druggist will supply you, or you can buy the drugs and make it yourself. Take 4 drams camphor, 4 drams oil of turpentine, 2 ozs. tincture of arnica, and 8 ozs. alcohol. Mix in a 10-oz. bottle. Allow rest until the soreness and lameness disappear; then give regular exercise. The swelling will doubtless reappear at night for a time. In order to avoid a recurrence of the trouble, see that he gets daily and considerable exercise. V.

ERUPTIONS ON FETLOCK JOINT

Mare's fetlock swelled last spring and she went lame. The swelling increased and broke. There was a large opening. It healed, and lameness disappeared, but a thickening remained. In the fall it again swelled, but she did not go lame. It broke in several places. Lately another abscess formed and broke six or eight inches above the fetlock. W. J. McL.

Ans.—This is an eruptive trouble that will prove hard to treat. The opening should be enlarged so that the skin will not heal until the inner tissues have become healthy. The wounds should be dressed three times daily with a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid. Give her a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and follow up with 4 drams hyposulphite of soda three times daily for two weeks. While careful treatment should result in checking the recurrence of abscesses, it is probable a chronic thickening of the leg will remain. V.

Miscellaneous.

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HENS EATING EGGS.

We have a flock of 27 pullets. They have been fed on oats, corn, warm mash, meat, and plenty of milk. Have all the plaster they want and plenty of gravel and dirt to scratch in, but eat all their eggs immediately after they are laid. What can we do to stop them, or to break the habit? Is there anything more they require should be fed, if so, what is it? OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Egg-eating is a habit, and while it is thought to be induced in part by lack of sufficient lime in the food, yet once the chickens have commenced, they are inclined to continue, no matter what the food. Try dark nests. Have them face toward the wall, with just a wide enough passage between for the hens to reach the nests. Then make the nests as dark as possible. This will probably suffice, but, if not, you will need to make special nests, with an inclined bottom, down which the egg will roll gently to a receptacle out of reach of the hen. The principal objection to this is the trouble of making it, and danger of the eggs being broken or cracked. There does not seem to be anything particular lacking in the ration fed, except bone. Green bone, cut with a grinder, or smashed up with an axe, should be fed, and although the plaster should afford plenty of lime, it might be worth while buying a quarter's worth of oyster-shell and feeding in a small hopper.

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