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THE DANGER OF CATARRH.

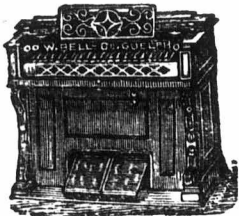
From the fact that most people are in the habit of looking on catarrh in the horse as a very trifling affection, and consequently requiring little or no intervention of remedial agencies, the following remarks are made to show the necessity of checking in due course the discharge of mucus from the nostrils. The great number of cases of nasal gleet and its sequels, farcy and glanders, are caused by a continuation of catarrhal discharge in the horse whose system is already vitiated by disease. The discharge in the early stage of the disease is of a whitish and flaky character, and free from smell; is very irregular in quantity, but as the disease progresses the discharge increases and is of a very offensive odor. As the mucus continues to flow over the surface of the very sensitive membrane of the nose, it, in its turn, adds to the irritation and tends more and more to increase the virulence and inflammation, until in process of time, ulceration is the consequence, when the lymphatics partake of the irritation and the glands become affected with the poison. We sometimes find it manifests extreme resistance and obstinacy to treatment; it will for a time combat any and all remedies we can bring to bear against it. As the disease advances, the glands under the tongue increase in size, the patient is troubled with a cough, he becomes hidebound and evinces the picture of distress.

The cause now assumes a dangerous aspect, the discharge becomes purulent in its character and acquires a tenacity and clings like glue about the hairs that fringe the nostrils. The membrane becomes more and more unhealthy in appearance, small straw-colored stars (these are undeveloped ulcers or chancres) present themselves. The animal, snuffing, foretells the scabby state high up in his head, and the swelling about the lips and nostrils will indisputably proclaim that farcy as well as glanders has supervened, and it is now our duty to destroy the patient. The disease may assume this character in a week or ten days, or it may be three months, after the attack of catarrh, and in some cases it may be years.

As remedial agencies in nasal gleet and farcy our greatest hope must rest in sulphates of copper and iron, cleanliness, good food and fresh air. In all cases where there is a discharge from the nose—the result of a cold—the horse should receive extra attention and have the throat blistered or bathed daily with strong stimulating liniment. —*Western Farm Journal.*

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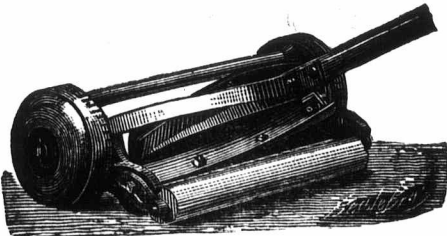
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