

for a sore throat. A hood is excusable in a railroad van; for all other purposes it is only good for trade. Ask a trainer why he uses it: he will receive an unmeaning answer.

If their predecessors quarrelled with fresh air, they stopped up the keyholes for the pure love of ammonia, which propagated the disease of roarin' and made a great many horses blind, there being one redeeming point—they took out their horses twice a day to exercise, for eight months of the year, which gave two opportunities for ventilating a putrid stable. This practice was in vogue for many years after I went to Newmarket, and highly approved; it is now changing, because it disturbs the domestic felicity of a trainer.

You would imagine that during the height of summer the horses would be out at daybreak, when the dew makes the grass pleasant to their feet, and that the work would be over, and the horses made up, and horses fed by seven o'clock. It is not at all; instead of exercising their horses in the cool of the morning, and taking them out at a good time at 6.30 p.m. to walk them for an hour, when the stables might be thoroughly aired, the trainers consider it a more judicious plan to commence work at 7 in the morning, and to keep the horses out till ten o'clock, frequently the hottest time in the day, before the horses springs up. By this policy they evade the trouble of saddling their horses a second time.

When oxygen is a scarce article in the stable, ammonia gets the ascendancy, horses suffer from lassitude, loss of appetite, and a dull countenance of disease. This is expected, as a matter of course, and parried with calomel and opium.

When a horse's coat breaks in October, and horses are deeply engaged, a cough is heard, coughing runs like wildfire through the stable. What is this owing to? The stable temperature charged with ammonia, the warm flannel bandages, hoods, and deleterious medicine have won the battle; every horse's skin regnated with suppressed perspiration was a sepulchre of disease, and they have caught it the trainers have so studiously engendered. We know more horses coughing in a stable at Newmarket than in all the cabs from Hyde Park Corner to Somerset House, simply because cab-horses stand for fourteen hours in the open air, and race-horses are shut up for twenty hours in a hot stable. The laws of nature cannot be defied with impunity.

(To be continued.)

Bone Spavin.

Our readers are constantly asking us to prescribe treatment for the cure of bone spavin; all from the tenor of their communications, and to imagine that this disease can, when under the operation of remedial measures,

be removed. Bone spavin, as we have previously described, is brought on by sprain, which centres its injurious influence in the hock joint, between the two plate bones, viz.: the scaphoid and cuneiform. Their natural motion being to rotate one over the other, the bones become inflamed, blood is determined to the part where nature, in her efforts to cure, throws out a bony tumor, which fixes together the two bones above mentioned, thus constituting the disease commonly bone spavin.

TREATMENT.—We know of no treatment which is able to remove a bony tumor from the hock. Its removal may be partially, but not completely effected; consequently, all the remedial means resorted to can only modify the extent of the malady.

1st. Firing has been resorted to in many cases with success; but as far as our experience goes, we consider that the long rest necessary to be allowed after firing exerts a curative influence, which remedies the disease quite independent of the operation.

2d. Blistering is liked by most horse-men as a remedy for spavin, and doubtless it is to be preferred to firing, as it leaves no blemish; whilst the latter does. When an animal is selected that a blister may be applied for the cure of lameness caused by the presence of spavin, the hair over the seat of the disease should be clipped closely off, when the denuded part must be bathed well with hot water, after which it must be wiped dry and rubbed until the friction used has drawn the blood to the surface. The blister, consisting of the biniodide of mercury or cantharides, is now to be rubbed over the skin on the inside of the hock; after which operations the animal is said to be blistered.

The application of a blister, only once, is insufficient in most cases to remedy spavin; three or four blisterings, at intervals of a month, being generally required.

SETONS.—the introduction of a seton over the seat of spavin is good treatment, and has been adopted with marked success by the writer. The mode by which this operation can be performed with the greatest facility is as follows: First. The skin, about an inch and a half above the spavin, should be grasped between the finger and thumb, and cut through with a pair of scissors made for this purpose. Second. The seton-needle, with a piece of tape attached to it, should be inserted into the cut surface, and passed over the spavin to about an inch below it, and at the place where the needle points and incision must be made through the skin; the tape is now brought over the spavin, is knotted at each end, and the operation is completed.

SUBCUTANEOUS OPERATIONS.—It is the practice of some veterinarians to make an incision on the inside of the hock below the seat of spavin, and insert into the aperture thus made, a plug of tow saturated with turpentine or some