QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

RINGBONE.

Have a colt that has been lame on hind leg for several weeks. I noticed a slight enlargement on luxar joints, as if ringboned. What would you recommend for cure?

Ans.—Have the colt fired for ringbone by V. S., and follow by a blister of biniodide of mercury, 1 dram, to 8 drams of lard.

TUMORS.

Last June two lumps appeared on my horse's breast—one on each side of the throat, just under the skin. They are as large as large hen's eggs. They are not painful. C. C. K.

Ans.—These are fibrous tumors, and should be carefully dissected out. As they are in such close proximity to large blood vessels the operation must be skillfully performed, and I would advise you to employ a veterinarian. V.

CONGENITAL MALFORMATION.

When calf was born it could not suck, but drank milk out of a pail. It is over two months old and cannot suck yet. Saliva is continually flowing from its mouth, and every time we go to feed it there is one or two wads of straw in its mouth.

M. M.

Ans.—There is some congenital malformation of the mouth or tongue, or both, and it is not probable anything can be done. It may be it is what is called tongue-tied, and it is possible this might be corrected by an operation. It requires a personal examination to diagnose the trouble, and the possibility of a successful operation.

V.

SCRATCHES ON FILLY.

I have a filly has something like scratches on her legs; she also passes what looks like dead tapeworms. Drinks very little; seems rather costive; eats a lot of salt; hair rather dry; seems easily tired.

Ans.—A good ointment for scratches is composed of 1 dram of oxide of zinc to 6 drams of lard; rub once a day. For internal treatment give 2 ozs. of turpentine every day for a week, which will have to be administered in a drench; mix with a little water. At the end of the week give a ball. In my opinion the mare has not tapeworms, but just ordinary worms.

SCRATCHES.

What would be a safe remedy for scratches, in the case of a mare with foal?

Ans.—As the mare is in foal avoid purgatives. Give one ounce Fowler's solution of arsenic three times daily every alternate week as long as necessary. Poultice the heels with warm linseed meal with a little powdered charcoal for two days and nights; put fresh poultice on every eight hours, and then dress three times daily, with a lotion consisting of one ounce each, sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, and two drams carbolic acid, to a pint of water. Do not wash the legs at all. If they get wet, rub them dry; if muddy, allow them to dry and then brush.

CONSTIPATION.

Colt was sick in October and again in January. It refused to eat, became restless, would paw, lie down, rise on its fore feet, rub hind quarters against the stall, etc. Is it indigestion, and is it liable to further attacks? W. J. T.

Ans.—This is a form of indigestion. The colt appears to be predisposed to the trouble. All horses are liable to an attack, and those who have congenital weakness of the digestive organs suffer from slight provocation. I would advise you to give him a purgative of six drams aloes and two drams ginger; follow up with a dram each of gentian. ginger and nux vomica, night and morning for two weeks. Feed regularly on moderate quantities of food of firstclass quality, and do not make any sudden changes in his food. If he is attacked again, give injections of scapy warm water per rectum, and give one nince chloral hydrate dissolved in a pint of warm water every hour until relieved. Follow this with a purgative and treatment as above.

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