

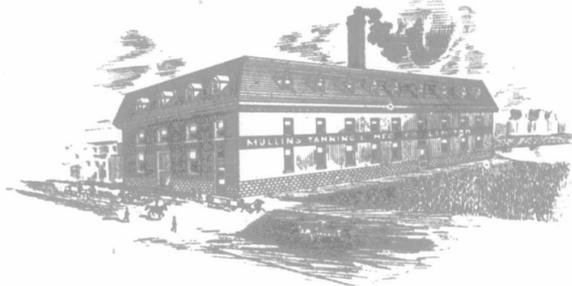
this is not always possible. Take the case of your mare. It is evident there is with her a predisposition to laminitis, when she is pregnant. And with each fresh attack, the structural changes in the feet—due to the inflammatory process—become more pronounced, until, as is usually the result of these frequently recurring cases, the animal may become useless. Hence the necessity of exercise, to assist the blood circulate through the feet. The reason she goes off her feet just before foaling is, no doubt, on account of the fever and pain accompanying laminitis. The mare can be safely bred, if you pay proper attention to her feet and comfort generally. She should be turned out in wet pasture during summer, and while stabled through the winter, she should have a roomy, loose box; her feet should be continually kept moist, either with wet swabs tied around the coronets and the soles packed with wet linseed meal, or other material.

**FRACTURED BONE IN HOCK**

How should I treat a cow that received an injury to her hock last fall.

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It just became swollen and then discharged until a short time ago when it appeared to get better, except that the swelling did not fully disappear. Just recently it swelled up on the outside of the hock to such an extent that she could not walk very well. As I thought there was pus or water under the skin, I put a knife into it, when a dirty colored, foul smelling fluid ran out. I have been washing with carbolic. Except for this, she appears to be in good health. She is dry.

G. W. S.

Ans.—The symptoms point to a fracture of one of the small bones entering into the formation of the hock joint. The detached pieces of bone act as a foreign body and cause the swelling and accumulation of fluid. You cannot do better than you are doing. By continually flushing out the cavity you may in time entirely get rid of the offending matter. Then the parts will recover, but the cow may be more or less stiff on that leg.

**SWOLLEN ABDOMEN**

Horse's sheath is swollen. Last winter his sheath, floor of abdomen, and legs, swelled, and he became stiff in his legs. Now there is no appearance of anything wrong except swollen sheath.

Reader.

Ans.—Purge him with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow up with 1 dram iodide of potassium twice daily for two or three weeks. In addition to hay, and a reasonable amount of oats, give him a feed of bran, with a teacupful of linseed meal, twice weekly, and give him a turnip or mangel, or a couple of carrots, every day. As he is predisposed to trouble of this kind, he must have daily exercise.

**PRESCRIPTION FOR TONIC**

Give no recipe for a good tonic or condition powder, one that can be safely fed to mare in foal. E. A. D.

Ans.—As a rule it is unsafe to administer drugs to pregnant mares, excepting under the guidance of a veterinary surgeon. The following will be found a very reliable prescription for a general tonic for horses: Powdered Sulphate of Iron, 3 ounces; Nitrate of Potash, 3 ounces; Powdered Nux Vomica, 2 ounces; Powdered Gentian, 4 ounces; Common Salt, 4 ounces. Mix all the ingredients well together and give a level tablespoonful at a dose in damp feed three times a day.

**SWOLLEN SHEATH**

A seven year old gelding has swollen sheath. He gets worse when idle and is slightly lame when trotting. Suggest a remedy.

C. H.

Ans.—The gelding's sheath swells on account of standing idle in the stable. Turn him out every day. It is exercise he needs. We cannot diagnose lameness without being in possession of certain facts and symptoms pertaining to the case.

**PARTIAL DISLOCATION OF THE PATELLA**

My colt has stife out. I have blistered twice but there is no benefit, as it gets out every time he stands over in the stall. How can I cure him?

C. H.

Ans.—While in the stable, keep the colt in a loose box, use chaff or sawdust for bedding, as straw will entangle his legs and impede movement. Also exercise him on level ground—not in deep snow—several times a day. Commence with about ten minutes, gradually increasing the time as you find the colt improves. The exercise will harden and improve the muscular system, which is now relaxed and probably the cause of the partial dislocation of the patella. In most cases if this line of treatment is carried out faithfully, and as the colt's general condition improves so also will the stife trouble disappear. But there are cases where blistering and exercise is of no avail, then the only remedy is a surgical operation.



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