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a cow conceives and her uterus be-comes scaled, which occurs within thirty days after conception, the fate of the pregnancy is sealed. uterine cavity is clean and the seal normal, the pregnancy is assured against essentially all dangers, but, infection exists within the uterus, abortion exists within the uterus, abortion, premature birth or retain-ed atterbirth may ensue. If the in-fection is present, accident or bad feeding may increase the probability of disaster.

There is no cure for abortion. When it breaks as a storm in a herd of pregnant cows and heifers, it will run its course, and the extent of the disaster can be known only when disaster can be known only when pregnancy has terminated in the last animal. In many outbreaks the phenomenon of abortion is virtually absent, but in its place many animals have retained placenta, sometimes have retained placenta, sometimes mild, sometimes severe, ruining the cow for one milking period and often leaving her temporarily or permanent-ly sterfle. In rare cases the inflam-mation of the uterus with retained after-birth assumes a highly virulent type and many cows in a herd may when the property of the control of the condie or be ruined.

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Carboile acid, methylene blue,
abortion vaccines and other alleged
remedies of various kinds have been
used. Many secret mostrums are advertised to cure sterility and sbortion,
but each is worthless. If any one of
them could cure abortion, the disease would be on the decrease, but it in-

## Quarantine Useless.

The quarantine of aborters has always failed, and must continue to fail, because it merely removes an animal which shows one symptom, abortion, and leaves all others showing such symptome as sterility, retained after symptoms as sterilly, retained after-birth and other evidences of the same infection. The removal of all in-fected animals would commonly in-volve all the herd. Quarantine is wisteading and generally harmful.

A quarantined animal is usually a shamefully neglected animal. Quarantine does not and cannot affect ma-terially the prevalence of abortion. A contagious disease cannot be con-trolled by taking one infected cow which has aborted out of a stable of which has aborted out of a stable of twenty cows, when the other nineteen already have the same infection. Even were the other nineteen cows free from the infection, our researches indicate very strongly that there is no material danger of the spread of the disease through ordinary contact and that we may practically ignore all exposures to the infection except the contaminated milk fed to calves the contaminated milk fed to calves and the sexual contact in animals of breeding age. If the aborter or cow retained afterbirth has a decidedly repulsive discharge from the uterus or is otherwise very ill, she should be removed from the dairy as a measure of common decency, but not directly for the purpose of controlling abortion.

The disinfection of the stable and of gutters, so profusely recommended for the control of abortion, is good stable hygiene, if well done in con-junction with physical cleanlinese, but it will not directly stop or lessen con-tagious abortion. The infection which is causing abortion or retained after-birth is in the uterm of the cow, not in the stable and it cannot reached until as aborted or reached only calved, and by invading cavity itself and removing a ming the organ-

To be concluded in next week's issue.

Bonfires have been the cause of much properly damage. If one is necessary have it well removed from buildings and wooden fences, and be-for leaving it make sure it is

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