

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

VALUE OF PRESCRIPTIONS.

1. What is Glauber's salt fed to horses for, and is it good for them?
 2. Are Buchu leaves good to clean a horse's water?
 3. Give prescription for cough in horses that have a slight cold.
 4. Would the following liniment be good to bathe fevered and swollen legs in horses, viz.: Acetate of lead, 6 ounces; chloride of ammonia, 6 ounces; tincture of iodine, 6 ounces; acetic acid, 1 pint; salt, 8 ounces; water, 1 gallon?
 5. Is the following prescription a good cough mixture, viz.: Tincture of camphor, 2 ounces; muriate of ammonia, 2 ounces; chlorate of potash, 2 ounces; fluid extract liquorice, 2 ounces; fluid extract belladonna, 1 ounce; syrup, 1 pound. Mix, and apply 1 ounce to tongue twice daily?
 6. Is the following a safe drench for colic or indigestion, viz.: Oil of turpentine, 2 ounces; fluid extract belladonna, 1 ounce; raw linseed oil, 1 pint. How often might it be repeated?
 7. Would Glauber's salt be all right to feed to mare in foal?
- Ans.—1. Glauber's salt is not recommended by professional men as a medicine for horses. In small repeated doses it would have a slight action to allay fever, and act very slightly as a diuretic.
2. The profession does not prescribe Buchu leaves for this purpose. When necessary to administer diuretics, nitrate of potassium is usually given in 2- to 6-dram doses.
3. Give 40 grains quinine, 20 grains acetanilide, and 1 dram chloride of potash, three times daily.
4. It would give fair results, but it would be better to use only half the quantity of acetic acid.
5. This mixture should give fair results.
6. Yes. It might be repeated every three hours.
7. In small doses it would not be injurious, but we do not know of any cases in which its administration would be followed by benefit.

GREASE-BOG SPAVIN OR THOROUGHPIN.

1. Mare, eight years old, while with foal last winter, commenced swelling in off hind leg. The leg remained swollen after the colt was born. Mare was turned out to pasture all summer, and when put to work this fall the leg got worse, and in a few days she got very lame, and then painful sores resembling boils broke out around the fetlock. These ran bloody matter for a week or more, but have healed up now. The leg still remains swollen, but the lameness has gone; is just a little stiff now. Can you tell me from this description what the trouble is, and what treatment, if any, would be effective?
2. Filly, two years old, has swelling resembling bog spavin on back joint. She has never been lame, and it never seems painful. Some days it is quite apparent, and at times almost entirely disappears. Can anything be done for this?

L. V. B.

Ans.—1. Symptoms indicate grease leg. Feed moderately to lightly on grain. Give succulent food. Exercise regularly when not working. It is quite probable that on bringing the mare into fall work her ration was increased, and this, coupled with the change from grass to dry feed, may have caused the leg to become worse. Purge with from six to ten drams aloes and two drams ginger, following up with one and a half ounces of Fowler's Solution of Arsenic twice daily for a week. Local treatment consists in applying warm poultices of linseed meal with a little powdered charcoal, every six or seven hours for a couple of days and nights, and then applying three times daily a lotion of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, and two drams of carbolic acid, to a pint of water. Do not wash. Treat the fungoid growths which resemble boils with butter of antimony, and it may be necessary to use the knife, or actual cautery, followed by caustics.

2. Get a blister made of 1½ drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline.

Clip hair off the spots. Tie so he cannot bite them. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third day apply sweet oil. Turn loose in a box stall now, and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, tie up and blister again, and after this blister once a month until cured.

BLACKHEAD.

Would like to know if you can tell me what ailed our turkey? Found it almost dead; the others had worried it. Was a nice large bird, but very thin. Upon examination of inwards, after killing the bird, found the liver very large, with cream-colored circles here and there all over it, extending through from side to side, or from front to back, and all inwards presented a very unhealthy condition. We thought at first it was a

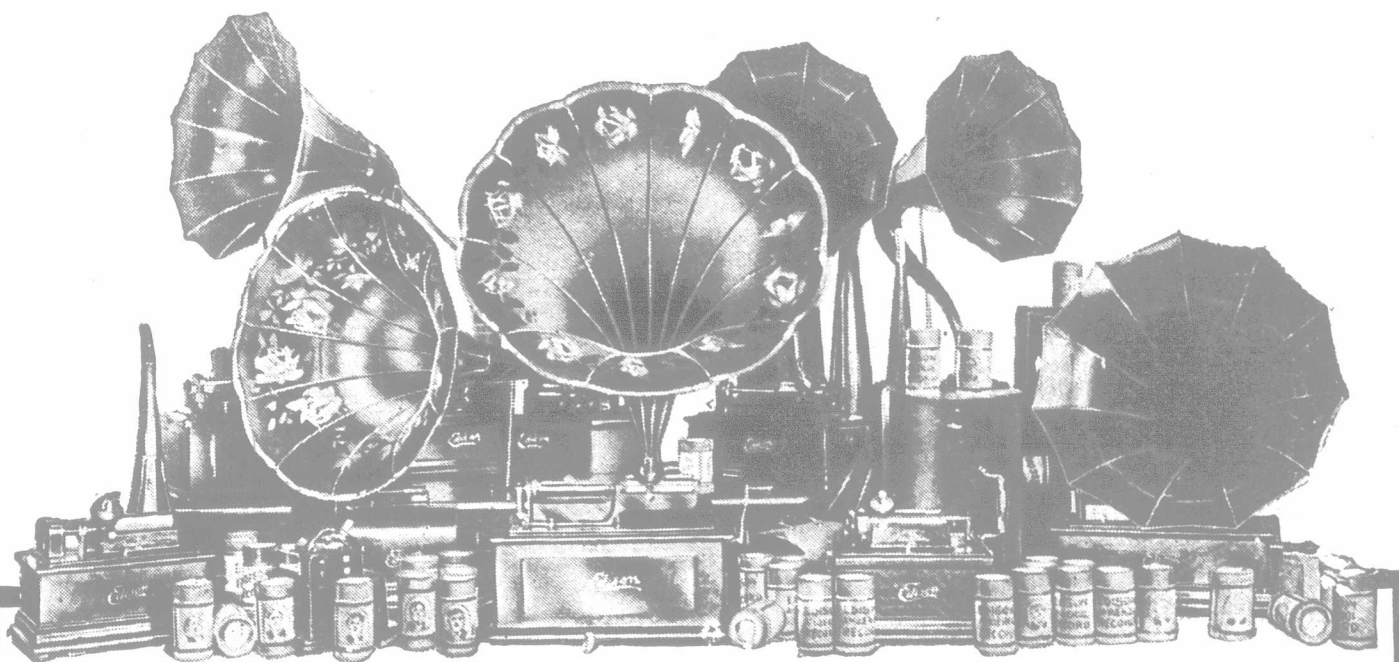
another turkey, but are of the opinion now that it was one of the largest of this year's birds.

A READER.

Ans.—The turkey was suffering from blackhead. The disease is very infectious, and land where affected turkeys have ranged is unsafe for poultry the following year. The enlarged liver, covered with the characteristic circular whitish or yellowish spots, together with diseased caeca containing a creamy or cheesy exudate, are post-mortem symptoms that can be relied upon. Young birds are more especially subject to infection of blackhead, and the disease is not confined to turkeys, but may attack hens. On page 1480 of the September 7th, 1911, issue of "The Farmer's Advocate," there appeared a short article entitled "Blackhead in Turkeys." It might be well to look it up.

GOSSIP.

The dispersion sale of the noted Hereford herd of the late William S. Van Natta, at Fowler, Indiana, Nov. 2 and 3, was a very successful event, the entire herd of 114 head, young and old, making an average of \$184. Ninety females averaged \$163, and 24 bulls averaged \$263. The highest price obtained was \$1,005, for the yearling bull, Donald Lad 7th, purchased by O. Harris, of Missouri. The yearling bull, Prime Lad 9th, sold for \$775, to Mozley & Son, and the three-year-old, Donald Rex, for \$710, to J. E. Coffman, Illinois. The highest price for a female was \$505, for the three-year-old, Prime Lady 2nd.



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