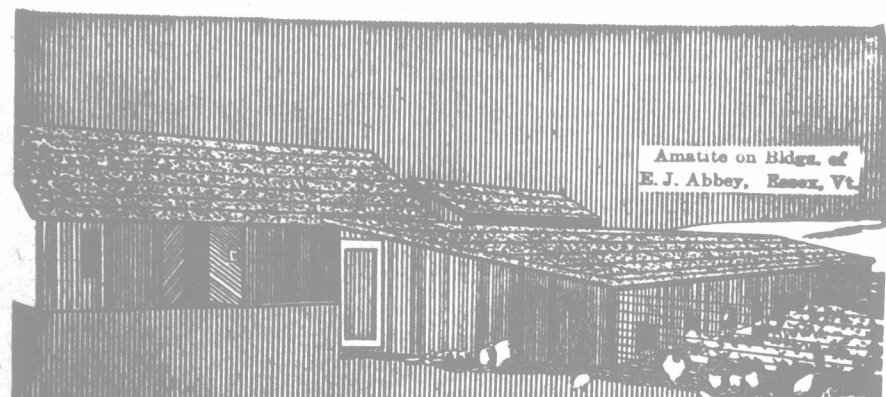




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1. I have two cows with hoof-rot on left hind leg. Is it fatal and contagious?

2. Can anything be done for impaction of the stomach?

D. McC.

Ans.—1. This is called foot-rot. It is not contagious, and seldom fatal. It is caused by cattle standing in or walking through irritant material, as liquid manure, swampy land, rushes, etc. Keep them in a thoroughly dry, clean place. Clean out between the clouts, and apply hot linseed meal poultices until the soreness disappears; then dress three times daily with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid.

2. Give a purgative of 2 lbs. Epsom salts and 1 ounce ginger, and follow up with 2 drams nux vomica three times daily. If necessary, give 1½ pints raw linseed oil in 24 hours, and repeat the oil daily as long as necessary. In severe cases, an operation, which can be performed only by a veterinarian, is necessary.

V.

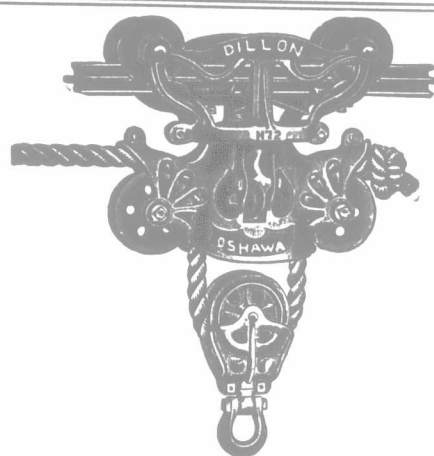
PERIODIC OPHTHALMIA—LAME MARE.

1. Four-year-old mare is troubled with sore eyes. First one gets sore, and in about three days recovers; then, in about two weeks, the other gets the same. They have been sore alternately for some months.

2. Mare has been lame for two months. When standing, she puts her fore foot forward, and when backing she drags it.

A. McD.

Ans.—1. This is a constitutional disease, and the attacks cannot be prevented, and it is probable she will eventually go blind from cataracts. Treat each attack by keeping in partially-darkened stall. Bathe eye three times daily with hot water, and after bathing put a few drops of the following into the eye, viz.: Sulphate of zinc, 10 grains; fluid extract of belladonna, 20 drops; distilled water, 2 ounces.



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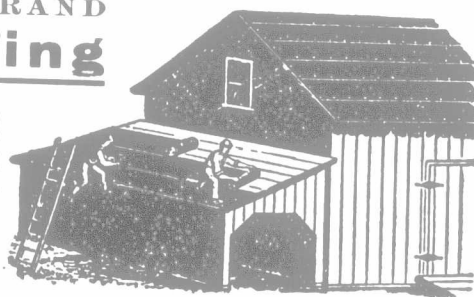
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2. The symptoms indicate navicular disease, which, when well established, cannot be cured. It is probable you may effect a cure if you give her several months' rest, and blister the coronet repeatedly. Get a blister made of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Remove shoes and pare heels well down. Clip hair off the coronet for two inches high all around the hoof. Tie so that she cannot bite the part. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days, on the third day apply sweet oil and turn loose in box stall or on pasture. Oil every day until the hair has again grown. Repeat the blister every four weeks for several months.

V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Horse had scratches and his legs are left rough and scaly, with little hair. How can I cause the growth of hair and get the legs in normal condition?

2. What is the best known liniment for spavin? One that will not blister.

3. What will cure thickened and knotted cords?

A. F.

Ans.—1. Where the hair roots are destroyed, as in this case, they cannot be reproduced. The daily application of oxide of zinc ointment should soften and remove the scales, and encourage the growth of hair.

2. Opinions differ as to the best application for spavins. Most liniments that are serviceable for this purpose will blister if applied in sufficient strength and with smart friction. In order that a liniment may be useful, it must have an irritant effect, and the irritation produced depends upon the frequency with which it is applied, and the amount of friction used. The following usually gives good results: Tincture of iodine, 1 ounce; tincture of arnica, 1 ounce; gum camphor, 4 drams; tincture of benzoin, 2 ounces; oil of turpentine, 1 ounce; extract witch-hazel, 2 ounces; alcohol to make a pint. Apply twice daily. If it blisters, it can be weakened to any degree by the addition of water.

3. The above liniment used full strength, or repeated blistering, will reduce to some extent.

V.