

INTRODUCTION

IN editing this work, it has not been with the intention of giving the stockman something that will take the place of the veterinarian; no book can do that; no amount of reading can take the place of his experience. The object has been to give those who wish to better acquaint themselves with the diseases of animals, an opportunity to do so; and especially is it for the stockman who is not within reach of a qualified veterinarian. There are many such, even in the richest, most thrifty parts of our country, and there are others so far from a veterinarian, that it would require many hours of valuable time to get him.

It has been the endeavor throughout the text, to use such expressions as can be understood by those who have not had a scientific training. A plain description of the anatomy of animals has been given for the benefit of those who may desire to better understand their structure, and points have been collected with reference to the training of the horse, which may prove of benefit to the inexperienced along that line.

Nothing new is claimed for the work, unless it be that an effort has been made to make the treatment of the diseases discussed a strong feature, by telling in a simple, plain way, just what to do, and how to do it; what medicines to use, how to use them, and how often to repeat them. So often, when asked by the farmer to recommend to him a book treating of the diseases of animals, have I felt that the works intended for him do not give the treatment of the diseases in such a way, that he may know what drug or drugs to use and how often to use them, that in this work I have tried to make the treatment especially plain.

While the work is in part a compilation, as editor I have woven into it, especially with reference to the treatments, the lectures as I have given them to our college students.