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Assistant District Attorney Clark was conducting a case in the Criminal Court. A large, rough-shouldered negro was in the witness chair.

"And then," said the witness, "we all went down in the alley, and shot a few craps."

"Ah," exclaimed Mr. Clark, swinging his eyeglass impressively. "Now sir, I want you to address the jury and tell them just how you deal craps."

"Wass that?" asked the witness rolling his eyes.

"Address the jury, sir," thundered Mr. Clark, "and tell them just how you deal craps."

"Lemme outen heah," said the witness, uneasily. "Firs' thing I know this gemman gwine to ask me how to dwink a sandwich."—San Francisco Argonaut.



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Veterinary.

Rupture.

Cow has a soft lump, larger than my fist, on her abdomen in front of her udder. When pressed upon it disappears, but reappears so soon as pressure is released.

W. O. P.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate rupture. A veterinarian might be able to operate successfully. It will probably do no harm. It is not likely to do harm unless she should have difficulty some time in parturition, in which case the opening might become enlarged, and large portions of the intestines escape into the sac. It would not be wise to breed her again unless she be valuable for breeding purposes, in which case you will probably be willing to take the risk.

V.

Partial Dislocation of Patella.

Colt hurt its stifle, and now there is a soft lump on the joint.

B. R. T.

Ans.—The stifle bone becomes partially dislocated when the colt moves. This is very unsatisfactory to treat, as a complete recovery seldom takes place, but the colt should make a useful animal. Get a blister made of 1½ drams biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the front and inside of the joint. Tie so that he cannot bite the part. Rub the blister well in once daily for two days. On the third day apply sweet oil. Let him loose now, but keep as quiet as possible. Oil every day until the hair has grown again. Repeat the blistering once every four weeks for four or five times.

V.

Fatality in Foal.

Last year my mare foaled at night, and the foal was found dead next morning. The mare's mammary contained no milk, just a liquid that resembled glue in consistency, and almost as clear as water. I milked this out a few times, and in four days she was dry. Yesterday morning she produced a smart foal, but she would not attend to it. She was not cross to it, but simply indifferent. Again her mammary contained no milk, but a liquid like mucus. The foal nursed her and took this stuff, but about 5 p. m. it lay down and never got up again. It did not seem to suffer much, but was dead before midnight. Would it be wise to breed her again?

S. L. L.

Ans.—The fluid resembling mucus that you mention, is called "colostrum," and this is a natural condition. It is, or should be, present in all cases where the milk has not escaped before foaling. If the foal had lived and continued to nurse, the mare would have yielded milk in a day or two. It is hard to say what caused the death of the foal. It may not have been able to expel the meconium (the contents of the bowels at birth), which should be removed by the finger and injections when not expelled. The passage for the urine may have been closed, or death may have resulted from weakness of the heart, or other causes, which in some cases are very hard to determine. I think it would be wise to breed her again, and give her regular, light work, during the whole period of pregnancy, and feed on laxative food.

V.

Miscellaneous.

Cows Holding up Milk.

I have fifteen milk cows which I have very much trouble to get the milk from. When I first commence to milk they refuse to give it. They pull up their udders, and it is plain to see there is milk there. I try, and try, and finally, from a cow that gives sixteen pounds, I will get eight or nine pounds, and then, at the next milking, they will give it at first, and all right, and they are all the same. What is the cause, and what should be done?

J. H. D.

Ans.—Do you use a dog to drive your cows, or excite them in any way? Dogging cows will often cause them to hold up their milk. Unskillful milking will have the same effect. Excitement and poor milking are the only two causes we can suggest. Either would account for the trouble.

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