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veterinarian should be able to find external evidence of the seat of the trouble. If your local veterinarian fails to give you satisfaction, would advise you to call in another, especially if the animal is valuable.

**RINGBONE.**

I have a seven year old horse which about January 1, went lame on left hind foot. On examination I found a small ridge about one inch from hoof around foot nearly to heel. Blistered with iodide of mercury on January 26, after forty-eight hours greased thoroughly with lard. The ridge is reduced considerable but not all gone and he is now more lame than before. What is the trouble? What treatment would you suggest; was blistering proper?

Man. E. E. T.  
Ans.—The ridge you have mentioned is evidently an abnormal growth of bone usually called a ringbone, and the most skilful treatment of it is sometimes unsatisfactory. Proper firing and subsequent blistering has proven to be the most efficacious remedy. A long rest is absolutely necessary. The toe or the hoof should be kept as short as possible without interfering with the sensitive parts. Engage the services of a veterinarian to do the firing. Your treatment would do no harm. In firing do not burn deeply all that is necessary is to touch the skin with the hot iron.

**PROBABLY RHEUMATISM.**

I have a cow that went lame on one hind leg two days before calving. I cannot find any heat or tenderness but when she steps on it the stifle gives a little crack.

Man. J. L.  
Ans.—The cracking sound is an indication of rheumatism, an affection to which some cows, especially those up in years, are more or less subject. Apply to the joint affected, the following liniment: soap liniment and tincture of cantharides, of each three ounces; liquid ammonia and tincture of opium, of each one ounce. Mix. Rub in well with the hand twice daily until the skin becomes quite sore. Leave off for two or three days and repeat if necessary. Give in food morning and evening for ten days salicylate of soda four drams.

**A STABLEFUL NEEDING TREATMENT.**

2. What is cure for cracked heels which healed up but a scurf remains, the hair does not grow?

3. What is the best thing to kill chicken lice on horses or cattle?

4. What is the best thing to give a horse to make him shed his hair quicker? Is linseed oil good?

5. I have a mare which has a sore tial. The hairs seem to fester at the roots.

Man. J. M.  
Ans.—1. December to February under any circumstances.

2. If the cracks are altogether healed would advise you to let well enough alone. Give the mare morning and evening, in food or water, for two weeks: Fowler's Solution of Arsenic, two table-spoonfuls.

3. Remove the chickens form the stable and apply to the lousy animals a decoction of tobacco or quassia chips. Boil half a pound of tobacco, or the same quantity of quassia chips, in two gallons of water, and when sufficiently cold, it is ready for use.

4. If an animal is in a healthy condition, nature will attend to the shedding of its hair. A mash containing one or two teacupfuls of flaxseed is a good ration for an animal, two or three times a week, at any time and in the proper season will expedite the shedding of hair.

5. If it is four or five inches of the extremity of the tail that is affected the trouble may have been caused by tying the hair up too tightly in a muddy time, with a cord. The cord is sometimes drawn so tight that it stops the circulation of blood and the consequence is that a portion of the tail becomes gangrenous and drops off or has to be amputated. If the tail is generally affected would advise you to cleanse well with warm soft water and castile or carbolic soap, and afterwards apply once daily the following lotion: bichloride of mercury, half a dram; water one pint.

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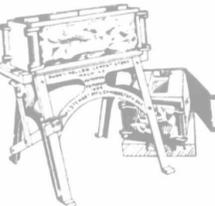
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