

Broken knees ?

The parts must be first washed with warm milk and water, and cleansed from all gravel or dirt, afterwards they should be well fomented, and if there be great swelling or inflammation, warm poultices must be applied, renewing them twice a day.

Severe kicks or blows, injuries from the collar chain, &c ?

If there be much swelling and inflammation with great pain, bleed to the extent of two quarts or more ; foment the parts injured with hot water having hay boiled in it, and after each fomentation wrap the part, if practicable, in a dry woollen cloth in order to keep it from the air. When the materials can be procured a mild dose of physic should be given.

Gripes ?

The instant the horse is observed to be in pain, he should be trotted about for a quarter of an hour to empty his bowels, when if he become no better he ought to be bled to the extent of three quarts. A ball composed of one drachm of gum opium and two of powdered ginger made up with bruised meal, and a clyster of oatmeal gruel, should be given every two hours when the dragoon is able to do so.

Should his horse fall lame in either foot, what should the dragoon do ?

He should try to ascertain, by carefully pressing and examining the foot, whether it proceeds from a bruise or a prick in shoeing ; if the former the sole should be pared thin, and a thick poultice of oatmeal and water mixed with turpentine and hog's lard being applied, the foot should be placed in a pail of hot water which must be renewed when cool, and the poultice changed twice a day. If the lameness proceed from a prick, the hole must be enlarged for fear of matter forming at the bottom ; in such case the wound should be dressed with warm spirits of turpentine until healed up and the lameness gone ; after the wound is dressed a poultice ought to be applied, and the foot placed frequently in warm water.

What are ingredients for a common dose of physic ?

7 drachms of aloes, half an ounce of cream of tartar, half an ounce of grated ginger, made into a ball of common soap. For a young or weak horse the aloes should be reduced to 5 drachms.

OF SHOEING.

How is a horse's foot composed ?