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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Veterinary.

FISTULOUS WITHERS.

Mare has a swelling on both sides of her withers, just behind where the collar sets. The lump is rather soft on top.

A. C.

Ans.—This is fistulous withers, and should be lanced to allow the pus to escape; then with a probe all sinuses or pipes should be located and opened up to their whole extent. In some cases the bone is diseased, and has to be scraped. The wound then needs to be kept clean and dressed three times daily with a good antiseptic, as a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid or corrosive sublimate, 1 to 1,000 of water. Cases of this kind are hard and tedious to treat. It usually takes from 4 to 12 months to effect a cure. In order that a cure may be effected, it is necessary to have her properly operated upon, and in most cases two or more operations are necessary, as fresh sinuses usually develop. I would advise you to take her to your veterinarian, or have him visit her.

INVERSION OF THE VAGINA.

Yearling filly expelled her womb when on grass. I called my veterinarian and he returned it. I keep her in a box stall now, and she has expelled it twice last week. I had some trouble returning it.

J. W. S.

Ans.—It is her vagina, not her womb, that she inverts. Make a false bottom in a single stall; make it one foot higher behind than in front. When in the stable keep her tied in this stall, so that when she lies down her hind quarters will be high. She is not likely to invert it when she is standing, hence it will probably be safe to turn her out for exercise during the day. Make a solution of alum, 1 oz. to a pint of water. Heat half a pint of this to about 105 degrees Fahr. once daily, and inject it into the vagina. If this treatment does not succeed, get your veterinarian to put a truss on, and if necessary put a couple of stitches through the lips of the vulva.

V.

PERSISTENCE OF THE URACHUS.

When Clydesdale mare foal was quite young her urine commenced to leak through the navel. I treated it all summer, but the urine still escapes through the navel in small quantities.

J. C.

Ans.—This is due to the non-obiteration of a tube, called "the urachus," which carries the urine from the bladder during fetal life, but which should become obliterated at birth. It is seldom the condition lasts so long as in your case. Throw the colt and hold her on her back once daily, and dress the end of the cord with butter of antimony. Apply with a feather, being sure to get it well down into the opening. Do this daily for four or five days. If this does not effect a cure you will have to get your veterinarian to enclose the cord in a thoroughly disinfected ligature, tightly applied, and then allow it to slough off.

V.

INFECTIOUS OPHTHALMIA.

Our sheep have sore eyes. They run water, become coated with a scum, and some of them are blind. We treated for inflammation of the eyes, as advised in "Dr. Hess' Stock Book," viz.: "one pound salts and 1 oz. sweet nitre, and then wash eyes with boracic acid and morphine." We treated about 20, and 5 of them just laid down and died in about an hour, without a struggle. Others were very sick, but recovered. A. E. Y.

Ans.—The sheep have infectious ophthalmia. The doses you gave were excessive, but if carefully administered should not kill. No doubt some of the liquid passed down their windpipes, to the bronchial tubes. In the five sufficient passed to suffocate. You will probably have trouble with some of the others from mechanical bronchitis. Sheep must be very carefully drenched in order to avoid this trouble. Keep them in a well-ventilated building, but excluded from drafts and strong light. Bathe eyes well three times daily with hot water, and after bathing put a few drops of the following lotion into each eye, viz.: Sulphate of zinc, 15 grains; fluid extract of belladonna, 20 drops; distilled water, 2 ozs. If ulcers form, touch once daily with a pencil of lunar caustic.

V.



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