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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

WEAK ANKLES.

Three-year-old mare that stands in the stable and does very little driving, is weak on one hind ankle, and goes slightly lame after being driven a few miles.

W. L. C.

Ans.—This weakness is due to congenital predisposition, and standing too much without exercise. Get a blister made of 2 drams each of cantharides and biniodide of mercury, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off all around the joint. Tie so that she cannot bite the part. Rub the blister well in once daily for two days. On the third day apply sweet oil and turn loose in a box stall or paddock and oil every day until the hair has grown again. Repeat the blister every month as long as necessary. Do not keep her tied in a stall. Give a large box stall when in the stable, or daily light exercise. V.

EXCESSIVE THIRST.

When filly was a few months old she would drink a pail of water at a time, and has always wanted excessive quantities. She is now two years old, and if allowed would drink twelve pails of water in a day. She has grown fairly well, but is quite thin.

J. W. B.

Ans.—Excessive thirst is usually accompanied by excessive secretion of urine of light, specific gravity. This is a disease known as palyuria, or diabetes insipidus, but as you do not mention anything abnormal in regard to the urine, we presume it is not present. In this case the thirst appears to be congenital. The administration of 40 grains iodine three times daily will probably check the thirst. The administration of the iodine must be ceased as soon as it affects the appetite or thirst. As the desire for large quantities of water appears to be congenital, it is doubtful if its recurrence can be checked.

V.

SUPPURATIVE ARTHRITIS.

1. In April, mare went very lame. Her knee swelled and abscesses formed. I lanced on each side, and pus and blood escaped. The abscesses healed, but after a time broke again. I poulticed, and after a time the wounds healed, but the joint remains large and hard. It has been blistered repeatedly, and the enlargement reduced some. There is a hard growth on the inside of the joint, and a swelling all around.

2. In 1909 I saw that ankylosis was recommended by a writer for spavin. What is ankylosis? J. A. R.

Ans.—1. This was arthritis (inflammation of the joint), and has resulted in ankylosis (union of two or more bones) of some of the bones of the joint. The inflammatory action and acute lameness may be removed by repeated blistering, or firing and blistering by a veterinarian. The latter would be better. It is not probable that the enlargement will be entirely removed, or that she will ever again be able to flex the knee normally.

2. Ankylosis is not a medicine. It is the bony union of two or more bones of a joint. It has never been "recommended" in this paper. V.

Miscellaneous.

BOOKS ON POULTRY AND FRUIT.

What is the title of your best book on keeping fowls for profit? As I am going into that business, I would like a reliable book, one that also explains the arrangement of their houses. Also, could you recommend me a good book on fruit farming and prices? S. P.

Ans.—Principles and Practice of Poultry Culture, by Robinson, is a comprehensive and complete poultry treatise, which may be had through this office at \$2.50, postpaid, and Popular Fruit Growing, by Samuel B. Green, is a good fruit book, which may also be had through this office at \$1, postpaid. The Agricultural Departments at Ottawa and Toronto issue many good bulletins which may be had free on application, and which are a great help.

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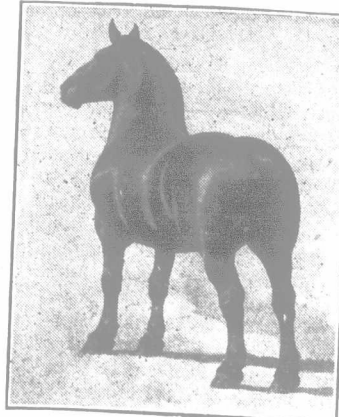
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