INDEX OF DISEASES.

ABSCESS OF THE BRAIN is caused by some injury to the head.

Symptoms.—Refuses food; acts dull; a slight oozing from a trivial injury upon the skull; the animal is prostrated, and while lying down continues to knock his head against the ground violently until death ensues.

Treatment.-No treatment is of any service.

ABDOMINAL DROPSY is usually the result of chronic inflammation of the bowels.

Symptoms.—Head hanging; mouth dry; membranes look pale; pulse hard. If the horse turns about suddenly the act will elicit a grunt. Pressure on the abdomen will cause him to groan. A lack of spirits; lies down constantly if left to himself; is restless, thirsty, no appetite; is weak, abdomen enlarged yet the horse quite thin in flesh, hide-bound and constipated. One of the legs and the sheath are sometimes swelled.

Treatment.—Begin the treatment as soon as you can decide as to the nature of the disease. Give, night and morning, 20 grs. extract of belladonna, 10 grs. sulphate of quinine, 35 grs. iodide of iron, ½ gr. strychnia. Mix, and give at each dose. Mix 5 ozs. tincture of iodine and 2 ozs. croton oil, and apply a little to a portion of the abdomen by rubbing down to the skin and shifting to a different location when the skin becomes sore. Some cases are incurable.

BOTS.—The stomach seems to be the natural nursery for the protection and the propagation of the stomach bot. When the eggs have remained in the stomach for a year they become a perfect chrysalis (that is, the form of a butterfly before it reaches the winged state), and then they release their hold of the stomach and are expelled with the dung. It will be provided with wings in a short time, and will fly about commencing the propagation of its species which passes through the same period of incubation.

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