

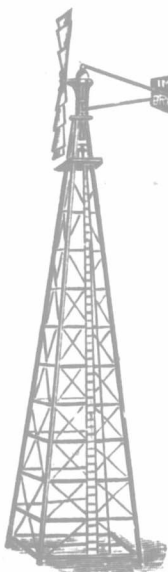
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Ans.—If you are quite sure that the fetlock joint is the seat of the trouble, we should advise you to clip the hair closely from the parts and rub this blister well in, all around the joint with the hands, for fifteen minutes; let it remain for forty-eight hours; then wash off with warm soft water and soap and apply lard or vaseline to the blistered surface.—Biniodide of mercury, 2 drams; cantharides, 3 drams; vaseline, 3 ounces; mix. Let the horse rest. Repeat the blister if necessary.

RUNNING SORE.

Have a cow with a running sore in one quarter of her udder. She has been that way for over a year. The sore sometimes heals, but just gathers matter and breaks and runs again.

1. Will you please tell me what can be done to cure it?

2. Is the milk in the rest of her udder fit to use?

Man.

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Ans.—The lodgment of a splinter of wood or some other foreign body may be the cause of the secretion of pus. The sore should be probed to the bottom and thoroughly explored and if any foreign body is discovered it would necessarily have to be removed before the parts would heal permanently. If you are within easy distance of a competent veterinary surgeon, we should advise you to secure his personal services.

2. If the cow is otherwise healthy, the milk from the unaffected quarters of the udder would be wholesome.

UNHEALTHY MARE.

Seven-year-old bay mare is failing in flesh and vitality. Came from Ontario last February; had a bad cold when bought and has catarrh in the head since; sometimes breathes very hard, particularly in damp or cloudy weather. Has travelled with a shuffling gait and head down for the last six weeks. Has trouble in stepping sideways, moving one foot, then the other, in short jerky steps as if causing pain around region of kidneys. Passes water with difficulty and in a discontinued flow; this is of dark color. Has always been constipated, and I have used a small handful of linseed meal once a week all along. She was out threshing all fall and was fed four or five quarts of oats three times a day, along with hay or oat sheaf. Shortly after coming home she went off her feed, and for two weeks would eat nothing but bran mash or carrots, and at times refused food altogether. Her ears and nose became quite cold and she had a wheeze in breathing. Has an enormous amount of dandruff on her skin, which can't be kept from looking grey, show-through hair. She has been eating fairly well for two weeks; am feeding 3 quarts of bran dampened with hot water in morning, half gallon of oats at noon; bran mash into which is mixed a teaspoonful of gentian and half a cupful of linseed meal; or half a cupful of carrots, twice a week. She is in a comfortable state and does a little work for exercise every other day. Is five months in foal and has no signs concerning same.

Susan Labe

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