

Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Indigestion.

Horse that is well fed and has always worked well has for a week been lagging behind his mate by spells, then all right for a while, and then lagging again. He seems when affected to be unable to control his movements, staggers forward, lifts head high, lifts hind feet high, etc.

J. W. S.

Ans.—This is a form of indigestion or stomach trouble that affects the brain. Feed bran only for about 18 hours, then give a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and feed bran only until purgation commences. After the bowels regain their normal condition, give 2 drams nux vomica three times daily. V

Diarrhoea in Pigs

Sow has a litter two weeks old. She is fed on oat chop mixed with barley and buckwheat. She has acute diarrhoea. The young pigs also have diarrhoea, and some have died.

G. H.

Ans.—The cause must be in the feed or water. Get all the grain chopped, and dampen it with lime water. Also add to the water or milk given to drink one-quarter of its bulk of lime water. The diarrhoea can be checked by giving her one-half ounce of laudanum and two drams each of powdered catechu and prepared chalk in a little sweet milk as a drench every four or five hours for a few doses, but if it can be checked without drenching it will be safer. V.

Difficult Breathing.

Pregnant cow that seems healthy has difficulty in breathing. She can be distinctly heard for a considerable distance. She has no cough. I notice another cow slightly affected in a similar manner.

W. H. B. McC.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate tubercular disease of the glands of the throat. Any other acute disease that would affect respiration in this manner would cause other constitutional symptoms. The only means of definite diagnosis is the tuberculin test applied by a veterinarian. If she be tubercular, nothing can be done. If not tubercular, benefit will result from repeatedly blistering the throat. V.

Dislocation of Patellas.

Three-year-old colt goes lame on hind legs. When affected, the whole leg seems stiff, and he drags it, and then it goes up with a jerk and he is all right for a few days, when the other becomes affected the same way.

M. M.

Ans.—Each patella (stifle bone), becomes dislocated. Get a blister made of two drams each of cantharides and biniodide of mercury, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the front and inside of each stifle. Tie him so that he cannot bite the parts. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days. On the third day apply sweet oil, turn him into a box stall and oil every day until the scales come off. Then tie up and blister again as at first. In some cases a third blister a month after the second is necessary. V.

Miscellaneous.

Lightning Rods.

I was thinking of rodding my buildings for protection against lightning with galvanized wire, and to prevent rods rusting off where they enter the ground, thought of splicing on copper cable above where they enter the ground. If this were done, would the rods afford as good protection as they would if the galvanized wires were extended into the ground, or would the splice prevent the electricity from passing into the ground in case the lightning struck them?

W. J. M.

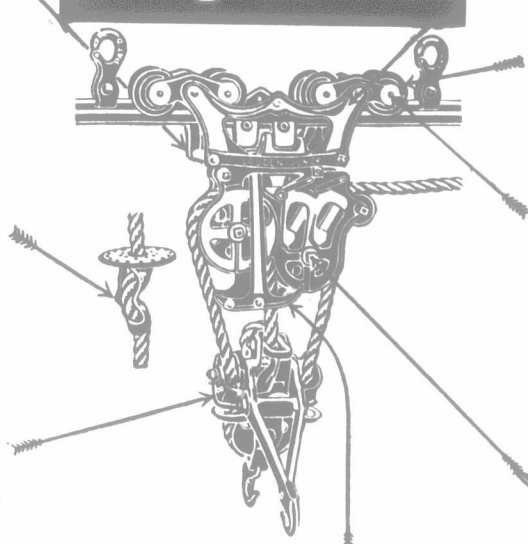
Ans.—As long as the connection remained unbroken and the wires did not rust off, the plan you suggest would be all right. In our opinion, however, it is better to use an all-copper rod throughout. With it there are no junctions at the ground to become disconnected, and the cable will not rust.

W. H. D.

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