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TENDER GUMS.

Filly six months old, weaned in November, when drinking cold water, will take a few swallows, and then stretch her head out and make a noise as though sucking. She will repeat this after a few more mouthfuls. A yellowish material precipitates in her urine. She is doing fairly well. A. H. Y.

Ans .- The filly is getting the third molar tooth in each row, the gums are tender, and the cold water causes pain. She will get over this in a few months more. For her urine, give 1 dram nitrate of potassium three times daily until it becomes clear. V.

BURSAL ENLARGEMENT.

Colt has a soft lump on fore ankle. I blistered it, and it reduced the lump, but it reappeared. E. G. K.

Ans .--- This is a bursal enlargement. These are very liable to reappear after being treated. Blister it every four weeks all winter. This may cause a contraction of the sac so that it will not reappear, but we find a tendency to reappearance in mostly all cases. Another method of treatment is the use of absorbents, as a liniment made of four drams each of iodine and iodide of potassium and four ounces each of alcohol and glycerine. Rub a little in once daily, and continue treatment for at least two months. V.

DISLOCATION OF PATELLA.

Three-year-old Clyde colt dislocated his stifle last May. The luxation was reduced, and a liniment applied. In September it again became dislocated. It was replaced, and a blister applied, but it does not seem to be fully in place. He drags the leg. Had I better destroy him? J. P. Ans.-It is probable the patella be-comes partially dislocated. It would not be wise to destroy him; as he should at least make a useful animal, even though a complete recovery may not take place. Keep him quiet in a box stall, and blister the front and inside of the joint every four weeks all winter.

TUBERCULIN TEST.

I tested my own cow as per instructions given by you, except that I took the temperatures every two hours in-stead of three. The highest temperature before injection was 105 degrees, and the highest after 106.2. The cow became sick, refused to eat, and the supply of milk fell off very much. She has had a cough for more than a year. She will calve in a couple of months. Will the calf be all right? A. J. D. Ans .- When the temperature before injection is so much above 103 degrees, and especially when as high as 105 de grees, disease of some nature that has a marked effect upon the temperature is undoubtedly present, and the tuberculin test practically denotes nothing. The test is reliable only in cases that do not show marked increase of normal temperature. The test has no apparent effect whatever on a healthy animal. The fact that your cow showed marked constitutional symptoms, strongly denotes tuberculosis, and the fact that she has coughed for over a year confirms the suspicion. There is practically no doubt that she is tubercular, and it is unsafe to keep her with healthy cattle. It is highly improbable that the calf will be diseased when born, and if not allowed to nurse the dam at all, but raised on pure food, and in non - contaminated stables, will grow up healthy, but if it nurse its dam, it is highly probable it will contract the disease. V.



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