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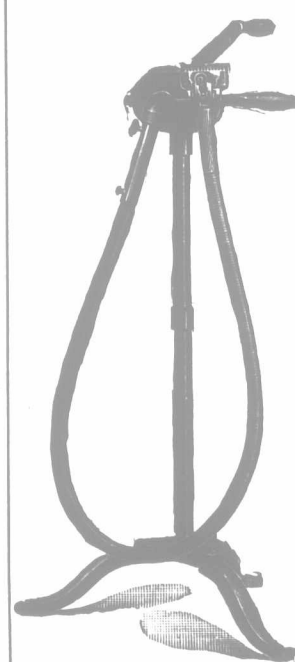
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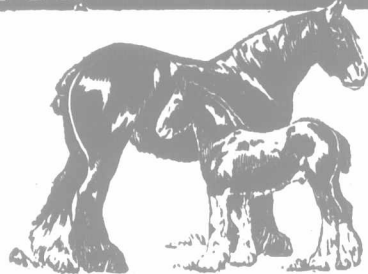
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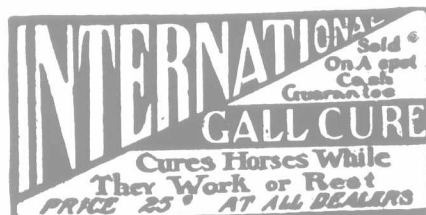
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CATTLE LICE.

Our cows have fallen off greatly in their milk this year, although they have been fairly well fed. They are lousy with small gray lice (very much like head lice), not the large brown ones. Do you think these would cause them to give less milk, and if so, how would we get rid of them?

READER.

Ans.—Yes. Lice are very troublesome on cattle, and are often responsible for their failing in condition and milk flow. A good powder to apply is a mixture of common cement and hellebore or pyrethrum powder dusted and brushed into the hair. Not so much trouble will be noticed now that the cows are on grass, but to thoroughly rid them of these pests, a couple of applications of the cement and insect powder should be made. It would be well to prevent trouble next winter to thoroughly clean and disinfect the stables.

HORSE QUERIES.

1. Our mare foaled last week. The colt was a good size, but seemed to have something in its throat by the noise it made when breathing. It seemed to be smart. We gave it oil (linseed), and coal oil, but it didn't help it. The next day we examined it and found it had no roof in its mouth, that is, its mouth and nose were not divided. There were two holes from the nostrils back to the throat. Never heard of it before. Is there any real cause for it?

2. If the mare was bred to the same horse, would the colt be likely to be the same next year? If there is any information on this curious colt, please let me know?

3. What is the average weight of a half-Clydesdale colt two years old? I have one that weighs 1,250 lbs., and she isn't very fat.

4. My colt rubs his mane and tail. Is there any cure for it? If there is, please let me know; and what is cause of it?

5. Are rooting pigs allowed to run free on county roads? If not, what would you do to stop them?

6. Would you advise breeding a two-year-old mare, a nice, thrifty one? If so, to what horse, her father, or one of his colts? One is three years old, and the other is a four-year-old stallion travelling through this section.

S. W. L.

Ans.—1. This is simply a case of malformation for which it is impossible to account. It may be hereditary, or there is a possibility that injudicious inbreeding may have had something to do with it.

2. If, as stated in the answer to the first question, the trouble was hereditary or the result of inbreeding, there would be the same danger. If the trouble was simply an unaccountable malformation, it would not be so likely to occur again.

3. This depends upon the other half of the breeding, upon feeding, and conditions generally. It is impossible to state an average—1,250 pounds is a very fair weight at this age for such breeding.

4. This may be a form of mange, caused by an insect. An ointment made of 1 lb. of sulphur, 4 ounces mercurial ointment, 2 lbs. lard, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of olive oil, thoroughly combined and applied liberally, has been found to be effective. The itchiness may be caused by lice. Examine thoroughly, and if lice are present, apply insect powder.

5. Not unless there is a local by-law to that effect. They could be placed in pound.

6. Yes; if all conditions are favorable. But such reckless inbreeding as suggested is never advisable. By all means get a sire not related to the filly.

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