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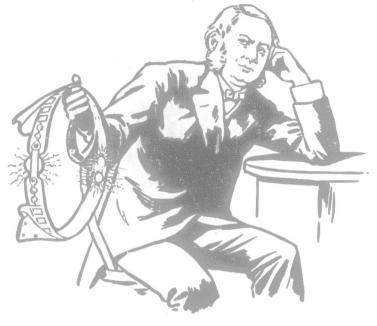
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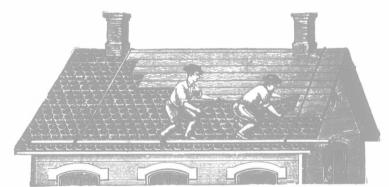
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

PARTURIENT LAMINITIS.

Mare foaled May 23rd. On the 24th I let her out on grass for three hours; when I put her in she was very stiff. I could hardly get her to the stable. She is considerably better now. J. E.

Ans.-Your mare had parturient laminitis (founder). The grass did not cause it. It frequently occurs after foaling Treatment consists in removing the shoes and applying hot poultices to the feet. (The hind feet are usually affected.) Internally she should be given half a dram quinine four times daily. It is probable a spontaneous recovery will have taken place before this.

INVERSION OF THE VAGINA.

For a week before calving, a mass would appear through the vulva of my heifer when she was lying, but disappeared when she stood up. I think it was the womb. She had difficulty in calving. One of her hind legs is swollen, and the mass still appears when she lies, but not as large as it was. P. M.

Ans.—This is not the womb. It is the vagina. Tie her in a narrow stall and build up behind so that when either standing or lying her hind part is a foot or more higher than her fore. Bathe the swollen leg with warm water, and rub with camphorated liniment three times daily. Do not breed her again for several months, if at all.

INFECTIOUS BRONCHITIS.

My hogs have had a cough since last summer. They cough up white phlegm. The young pigs have contracted it, and some have died. They have been out on grass for five weeks. The disease seems to be in the lungs.

Ans.-This is an infectious form of bronchitis. I would advise you to get your veterinarian to examine the herd, and hold a post-mortem on the next that dies. It is possible it is something even more serious, and, if so, the Government will send a man to handle the case. If I am correct in my diagnosis, you should treat as follows: Shut the herd in a pen, close the openings, and burn sulphur as long as you can stand the fumes, then open doors and windows to admit air. Repeat treatment every two days, as long as necessary. Disinfect the pens by washing with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid, and then giving a thorough coat of hot lime wash with five per cent. carbolic acid, before introducing fresh stock.

ABORTION.

1. How long after the accident should a mare be bred?

2. Is the owner of a stallion justified in refusing to breed his horse to aborted

3. Is it better for owners of both mares and stallions to defer breeding for at least six months?

4. Is it better for the stallion owner to lose a few mares than take chances of infection?

5. In the long run, will both parties profit by pursuing such a course, and should breeders uphold the same, or should they patronize the first stallion whose owner is willing to do business on any terms?

6. About what period of pragnancy do mares usually abort?

Ans.-While infectious abortion is not uncommon in cows, it is rarely seen in mares. Accidental abortion occurs in mares at all periods of gestation, and it is safe to breed her again as soon as she recovers from the accident. We will answer the above questions on the assumption that it is infectious abortion, and, of course, all aborted mares, and all mares, pregnant or otherwise, that have been exposed to infection, should be treated as per infectious abortion in cows, details of which were given in a December number of this journal.

- 1. At least six months, better a year
- 4. Yes.
- 5. Under no circumstances should
- affected animals of either sex be bred. 6. They abort at all periods. V.

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