

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

TAPEWORM.

Do cattle ever have tapeworm? Last fall my heifer, about ten months old, passed three or four yards of a something resembling tapeworm. J. A.

Ans.—Cattle occasionally have tapeworm, and, no doubt, what you describe was one, or part of one. After fasting her for about twelve hours, give her 2 ounces oil of turpentine in a pint of raw linseed oil. Repeat the dose in 10 days, and, if necessary, again. V.

NASAL GLEET.

Colt, eight months old, has had a cough since it was a month old, and has had a thick, whitish discharge from nostrils at intervals, but there is no discharge at present. D. McL.

Ans.—This is nasal gleet, and is very hard to treat. Take 1 ounce each of powdered sulphate of iron and sulphate of copper; mix, and make into 24 powders, and give a powder every night and morning. If necessary, repeat the prescription. In some cases, an operation by a veterinarian is necessary. V.

PARALYSIS—DEHORNING.

1. Cow, due to calve in two weeks, began to walk stiff. She got sick. I gave her 1 lb. Epsom salts, and at noon a little more. She could not rise, and she died. A post-mortem revealed twin calves and about a tubful of water in the womb.

2. Cow calved first week in February. Would it be advisable to dehorn her now? Would the operation check the flow of milk? M. W.

Ans.—1. The cow died of paralysis. A purgative of 2 lbs. Epsom salts, followed by 2 drams nux vomica, three times daily, might have saved her. The fluid in the womb was normal.

2. Now is a favorable season for dehorning. The operation will check the flow of milk to a variable extent for a few days only. V.

TICKS ON SHEEP—TONICS.

1. Will sulphur, fed to sheep, rid them of ticks?
2. Is an infusion of juniper, fed to horses, a good tonic? J. H.

Ans.—1. Sulphur is largely excreted by the skin, and, on this account, might have some effect on ticks, but it would need to be fed in very large quantities to have any noticeable action. The use of some of the commercial sheep dips advertised in this journal gives much better and safer results, if used according to directions.

2. It would probably have a slight tonic action, but I have never known it to be used for the purpose. A tablespoonful, three times daily, of the following, will give much better results, viz.: Equal parts powdered sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nux vomica. V.

Miscellaneous.

SULPHUR FOR ANIMALS.

In looking over our file of old "Advocates," I noticed an article in 1880, June number, page 133, entitled "Sulphur for Animals," which would prove a boon to poultry-owners if true. Would you be so kind as to publish it again?

"ADVOCATE" READER.

Ans.—The article referred to is here reproduced:

"If taken internally with their food, sulphur will almost invariably keep all kinds of animals free from lice. We have made a practice for years past of giving a heaping tablespoonful once a week in the food of each of our cows, and the same quantity to about every ten hens in our flock, and they have never been troubled with lice on them. It may be given in the same proportion as to size when required in the food of poultry, pigs and sheep. Sulphur is a mild cathartic when desired for this purpose, and in small doses seems to have a beneficial effect on the animal system, something like salt, though, of course, not of that nature."

Note.—Our veterinary authority states that, in his opinion, in order to be effective, the sulphur would need to be given in perhaps larger quantities than would be conducive to the health of the animals.

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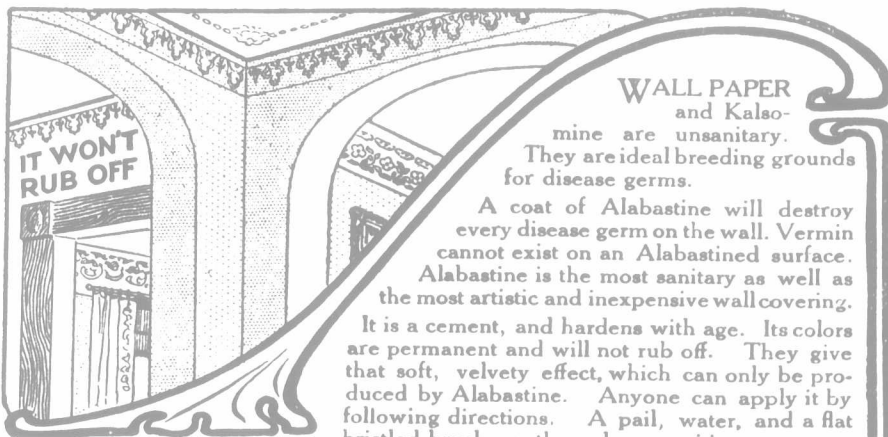
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