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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

RUPTURE—LUMP ON HOCK.

1. Lump, the size of a pint measure, appeared on cow's flank. It rapidly increased in size to that of a twelve-quart pail, and is getting larger.

2. Last spring a lump, half the size of a robin's egg, appeared on the side of the point of my three-year-old colt's hock. I have treated it without results. P. K.

Ans.—1. This is a rupture, and cannot be successfully treated. I would advise you to put a bandage around the cow to endeavor to keep the rupture from enlarging, and feed her for the butcher. Keep her as quiet as possible, and if the rupture continues to enlarge, slaughter her at once.

2. It is quite probable this lump is not removable, except by an operation by a veterinarian, and, at all events, it is so small it is not serious, and I would not advise an operation, as such are always more or less dangerous in such close proximity to a joint. Take 2 drams each of iodine and iodide of potassium, and mix with 2 ounces vaseline, and rub well with this every day. This may reduce the lump. V.

CHRONIC SPINITIS.

Since the 1st of September my two-year-old colt has been ailing. He moves clumsily with his hind quarters, and when he makes a sudden turn, he falls on his hind quarters. The trouble seems to be in his back. He eats well, and is doing well in other ways. J. McE.

Ans.—Your colt has a disease of the spine called chronic spinitis, and treat-

ment will be slow. In some cases only a partial recovery takes place. The disease is liable to assume an acute form, and probably cause total paralysis and death. Keep him as quiet as possible in a roomy box stall. Purge him with six drams aloes and two drams ginger. After purgation ceases, give one and a half drams nux vomica three times daily. Repeat the purgative in about five weeks, and again if necessary. V.

ABORTION IN COWS.

What will stop cows aborting? I have several cows that lost their calves at from three to seven months. If it is contagious, at what stage will a cow take it? What can I do to stop any more aborting that are already well gone in calf? FARMER.

Ans.—This is evidently contagious abortion, which is a grievous scourge. At its commencement in a herd, it generally occurs from the sixth to the seventh month of gestation, but is liable to occur at any time from six weeks to seven or eight months of pregnancy. It is believed to be caused by a disease germ, which gains entrance via the vulva to the vagina and the womb, and is contracted by association with affected animals in the stable, or by lying on the same ground where an affected animal has lain, and that it is also carried from one affected animal to another by the service bull. It is advised to isolate the affected animals and flush the vagina with disinfectants, but this is hardly practicable in a herd of any considerable size, when the disease has gained headway. The free and liberal use of disinfectants and administering of carbolic acid internally appears to be the best treatment known. Sprinkle stalls and stable gutters freely with Zenoleum or other disinfectant, and wash the vulva and tail of all aborted cows daily with the same, also inject the same into sheath of service bull before mating. Cows that have aborted should not be bred again for at least three months; and, in the meantime, should be given 25 drops of pure carbolic acid three times daily diluted in a pint of water, and this given in bran or other feed, or if refused in feed, give as a drench. Continue for three or four weeks, and commence again near the same period of gestation she previously aborted. Cows that have been stabled with aborters should also be given the carbolic treatment for prevention, giving the 25-drop dose twice a day for a few days at intervals. It is a tedious business at best, and it may take two or three years to rid a herd thoroughly of the trouble. Some aborting cows cease to breed, while others, after aborting two or three times, seem to become immune, and breed regularly after. Some persons claim to have got rid of the trouble by mixing carbolic acid with the salt at the rate of 4 ounces of crude, undiluted carbolic acid to 12 quarts of salt, thoroughly mixed, and kept under cover, where cattle can take it at pleasure.

ABORTION.

We have a young cow that calved when she was something over two years old. We bred her again, and in about four and a half months she aborted, caused by nothing that we are aware of. In about six weeks after abortion, and after all discharge had stopped, she was again bred; but between four and five months afterwards she aborted again—about two weeks ago. Now, how should we treat her so that she will carry a calf to maturity, and can it be done without the aid of a veterinarian? D. M.

Ans.—See answer to Farmer in this issue, on similar case.

ABORTION IN MARE.

I have a well-bred Clydesdale mare, weighing 1,550 lbs. in good condition. I bred her to an imported Clydesdale in May, 1905. She dropped her colt in January. I bred her again in May, and she is in foal. Is she liable to drop it about the same time again? Will you advise me how to take care of her, and the best kind of feed for her? M. G.

Ans.—Give daily, gentle exercise, either at light work, or by running loose in barnyard. Feed moderately of nourishing and laxative food. Avoid contact with blood or unpleasant smells. About the same period in gestation at which she aborted last year, if she shows any symptoms, give two ounces laudanum in half pint of water as a drench, and repeat every two hours till symptoms disappear.

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TRADE TOPIC.

OF VALUE TO HORSEMEN.—Do you turn your horses out for the winter? If so, we want to call your attention to a very important matter. Horses which have been used steadily at work, either on the farm or road, have quite likely had some strains whereby lameness or enlargements have been caused. Or perhaps new life is needed to be infused into their legs. Gombault's Caustic Bal-

sam applied as per directions, just as you are turning the horse out, will be of great benefit; and this is the time when it can be used very successfully. One great advantage in using this remedy is that after it is applied it needs no care or attention, but does its work well and at a time when the horse is having a rest. Of course, it can be used with equal success while horses are in the stable, but many people in turning their horses out would use Caustic Balsam if they were reminded of it, and this article is given as a reminder.

GOSSIP

ACKROW'S SHORTHORN SALE.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at his farm, Mt. Pleasant, five miles from Weston, on the G. T. and C. P. R., also street cars from Toronto ever half hour, where conveyances will be at the Eagle House, for all morning trains, to convey intending purchasers to the farm, Mr. J. W. Ackrow, Highfield, Ont., will sell by auction, without reserve, as he intends to keep a dairy herd, 12 head of Scotch and Scotch-topped Shorthorns, including his stock bull, Imp. Deeside King, bred by John Young, Tilbouries, sired by Sittytton Choice, dam Rosetta 15th, by Scottish Prince. He is a Marr Roan Lady, red, rising two years, a low-down, mellow-handling chap, and, from his rich breeding, should be a valuable sire. The cows, with the exception of one Miss Ramsden, Lady Ramsden 70216, a two-year-old, by Imp. Chief Ruler, dam Imp. Miss Howe 9th, are bred up from Beauty (imp.), by Snowball, Lady Jane (imp.) 281, and Flora (imp.) 190, and are nearly all sired by the Toronto winner, Imp. Prince Louis, and the Toronto first-prize bull and senior champion this year, Scottish Prince, and Imp. Scotland's Fame. Among them are two three-year-olds, by Imp. Prince Louis; three two-year-olds, one by Imp. Chief Ruler, one by Imp. Prince Louis, and the other by Imp. Scottish Prince, also one yearling by Scottish Prince, and there will also be sold one eight-months-old bull calf, red, by Imp. Scottish Prince, and out of a daughter of Imp. Prince Louis. The cows are exceptionally good milkers, and, being so richly topped, should be a very desirable offering. There will also be sold 16 head of grades, including two three-year-old steers and two two-year-olds, in good shape to go into winter feeding. Sale will commence at 12 o'clock sharp. Terms are twelve months at 5 per cent. on approved paper. Col. J. K. McEwen and J. Saigeon will wield the hammers.

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