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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

### WOLF TEETH—ITCHY LEGS.

1. Four-year-old mare has a small tooth in front of the first upper molar on each side.

2. Draft horses have itchy legs.

J. H.

Ans.—1. These are supernumerary teeth, and are called wolf teeth. They should be extracted. The practice of knocking them out is wrong, as it usually breaks the teeth and leaves the roots in the jaw.

2. Heavy horses, with poor quality of bone, are especially liable to this trouble. Purge each with 10 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow up with 8 grains of arsenic, or 1½ ozs. Fowler's Solution of Arsenic, twice daily, for a week. Dress the legs once daily with a warm solution of corrosive sublimate, 20 grains to a pint of water. Rub well and keep excluded from cold and drafts until dry, after dressing.

V.

### LOSS OF COLOSTRUM.

The colostrum always escapes from my mare's mammary before foaling, and the foals do not do well. What can I give as a substitute for the colostrum?

G. A. H.

Ans.—If the mare is given regular exercise and not fed much moist and milk-producing food during the later months of gestation, it is probable the loss of colostrum will not take place. If it should, and it is found necessary to give the foal laxatives, small quantities of castor oil, say a teaspoonful twice daily, for two or three days, will give good results. We seldom find it necessary to give laxatives to foals, and it must always be done very carefully, and in small doses, else diarrhea will result. When the meconium (the contents of the bowels at birth) is not passed, it should be removed with the oiled finger, and injections of warm linseed oil given occasionally until the faeces become yellowish. This is a much safer way than administering laxatives.

V.

### Miscellaneous.

#### CURING PORK.

As a subscriber of "The Farmer's Advocate," I noticed on page 98, of the January 21st number, an item about curing pork, which was very good till you came to the saltpetre. I say, why not use cream tartar, which is just as good, and better for the system, than so much saltpetre, and the meat is not so hard and acidic. We have used it with good results.

W. S.

Ontario.

[This suggestion was submitted by the editor of "The Farmer's Advocate" to Prof. R. Harcourt, O. A. C., Guelph, who replies as follows: "The function of saltpetre in the curing of meats is to preserve the natural, fresh color of the flesh. I have never heard of cream of tartar being used for this purpose, or, in fact, being used as an ingredient in any of the pickling recipes. Cream of tartar is one of the constituents of our better classes of baking powders, and is not considered deleterious to the system in any way. In the case of saltpetre, the general opinion concerning the therapeutic action, is that it is not a proper substance to mix with food. I believe, however, that there are very large quantities of it used in preserving meats of various kinds in this country."]

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