

## Questions and Answers

### MARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION

A year ago last spring I bought a big mare in fine condition, intending to breed her. I was told that she had already had two colts. She worked with the other horses, and was bred the first week in June. She did not come in season again for three months. About this time she began to discharge white matter, but she was bred a few times during the fall, at the end of which time she was very thin, and I began to treat her for leucorrhoea by giving her injections of boracic acid in warm water once a day. The discharge seemed to stop, but she stayed thin all winter, although I fed her fairly well, with the addition of stock food for four or five months. As soon as spring work began the discharge began again. It seemed to start very quickly, especially on starting up. After seeding I used injections of permanganate of potash and sulphate of zinc, two drams of each in a half gallon of water at about 100 degrees, once a day; also giving her a dram of sulphate of iron in feed three times a day.

Shortly after that the discharges turned to a dirty, almost black, color, and stank badly. You can smell it a couple of rods away. Now she is very thin and has gone off her feed. Kindly tell me what is the trouble. how to cure it, and how to build her up again.

Sask.

W. B. R.

Ans.—Your mare is in a very bad condition, in fact, so bad that the chances of recovery are extremely remote. You should have sought professional aid earlier. The disease has now extended to the walls of the womb; in the early stages it affected the mucous membrane only. In this case the source of infection seems to be the stallion. He had possibly been used on a mare affected with the disease just before serving your mare, and in this way carried the infection. Or the disease may have existed since the last foaling, then it would be the result of an injury. However, the disease has now become chronic, and a cure is not likely to be effected, but try this treatment for two weeks. If the mare be then alive, report her condition to us. For internal medication give one ounce of tincture of iron in a pint of cold linseed tea as a drench three times a day. Wash out the womb morning and evening with tepid water; then follow with a warm solution of carbolic acid, a dram of the acid to a quart of water. Use a piece of three-quarter inch rubber hose three feet or more in length; insert a funnel in one end, into which pour the water and the solution for the injection; pass the free end of the tube into the womb. (lubricate it well with vaseline). Feed her liberally with grain and good hay, with carrots or other roots.

### FRACTURED PEDAL BONE

Gelding accidentally stepped on an upturned harrow spike six weeks ago, and punctured near hind foot. Pus formed and horse was in great pain. Opened up the foot at the puncture, on left side of frog, but the pus seemed too thick to run. Pus ran for two weeks and then wound gradually dried up, but the horse is still in some agony, and constantly swings foot; no swelling.

Alta.

G. A. P.

Ans.—The harrow spike evidently penetrated deep enough to injure the bone, probably causing a fracture, which would account for the pain the animal is suffering. About the only thing to do in such a case is to keep the hoof moist by the application of wet cloths tied on, and a good blister applied around the head of the hoof. This will sometimes afford great relief from pain. A fractured pedal bone will generally do well, although it takes considerable time before the lameness entirely disappears, but in a work horse it does not so much matter, as he will be able to do ordinary walking work on the farm, where a light horse would not be serviceable.

### Hired Man Leaves

I hired a man at \$26 per month for three months. He was to have the privilege of going home nights in order



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to hold down his homestead. He began work on the morning of August 3rd, and on the night of September 14th told me he was not coming back in the morning. I asked him his reason, and he said he had hired too cheap. I told him he had better come and put in his time, as I did not purpose paying him unless he fulfilled his agreement. I have not seen him since. What I want to know is if he can collect pay for the time he was with me. I am the second man he has left without cause this summer. Also, if I had, in a few weeks' time, when the rush of work was over, told him to go as I did not need him, could he collect his pay for the three months agreed on?

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Ans.—If all the facts are stated, and you had an agreement with the man by which he was to work for three months for a certain sum, you are under no obligation to pay him in case he refuses to fulfill his contract. The fact that he broke agreement with another farmer in the same way would go against him in case he took action to collect.

Had you discharged him he could have entered suit for non-fulfillment of contract on your part, and would very likely have won.

### LAW OF REPLEVIN.

Can the law of Replevin be put in operation before an application is made for (say the cattle) and refused.

Sask.

V. G.

Ans.—It is not necessary to make demand before issuing a Writ of Replevin.

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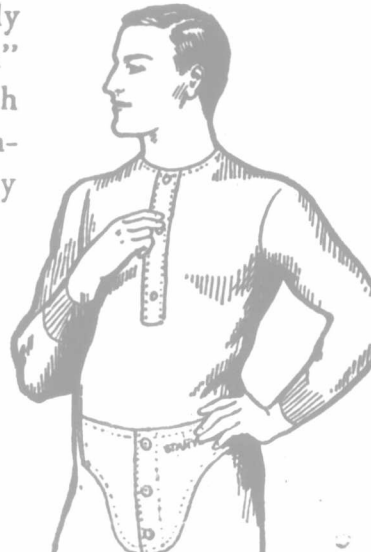
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