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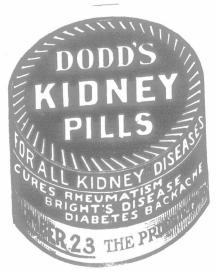
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OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

POULTRY QUERIES.

1. Hen has a lobe that is swollen and bleeds every few days. Feathers are coming off her neck.

2. Hens have been standing around looking dumpish. They have yellow and white diarrhea, and get thin.

3. Is copperas good for hens? A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.-1. The hen may have been injured in some way, or possibly be suffering from roup. If it is roup, a bad odor will be noticeable. The feathers coming off the neck may be due to feather-pulling, owing to a depraved appetite.

2. Diarrhea accompanies many diseases of the hen, and from the description given it is difficult to state which of these this Greenish-yellow and frothy, white discharges often accompany roup, while yellow discharges indicate disease of the liver, as congestion or inflammation. If lameness accompanies the diarrhea, the hens may be suffering from tuberculosis. Express a dead bird, with particulars, to Dr. Chas. H. Higgins, Biological Laboratory, Ottawa.

3. Copperas may be of some use as a tonic, but the purpose for which you wish to use it is not stated in the question.

GREEN-HEAD GAD FLY.

A Middlesex County reader brought into the office recently a fly which had been seriously annoying horses on a low, marshy place near a stream. Two or three of these flies would bite a horse till the blood ran. In one case the blood was trickling down the victim's neck. The specimen was referred to our biological expert, Mr. Dearness, who replies as follows

This fly is one of the green-head gad flies. It is closely related to the more conspicuous, and, therefore, better known, black tabanus. The bites of these flies are painful and tormenting to horses and cattle, but it is not supposed that they make a poisoned wound, like black flies and mosquitoes. Packard states that he has heard of a horse tied in a field near a marsh being bitten to death by "green-heads." Horses at work can be protected by nets. I have not heard of any preventive measures for stock at large in the pasture.

The fly is about two-thirds of an inch in length; it has a brownish body, a single pair of veined, gauzy wings, and large, lustrous green eyes. It is troublesome only in the daytime, and is most active on hot, sunny days.

ROUP AND LICE.

Kindly let me know the cause and remedy for gapes and gray head lice in young chickens. Chicks thrive until about three weeks old, then droop and die. Their flesh appears dark after their death. A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.-Gapes in chickens is caused by the windpipe becoming more or less covered with certain small, reddish-colored worms. They cause a difficulty in the chicken's breathing, and the closer they are together the harder the breathing becomes. This disease is not common in Ontario, but a few cases are reported. The general belief is that these worms are caused by damp feeding places and filthy conditions. It is also believed that earthworms cause the disease. Chickens kept off the ground until six or eight weeks of age, give little or no trouble with the disease. A very good preventive is to add a little camphor to the drinking water, and many remedies are recommended, amongst which a very simple one is to place the birds in a large box, covered with coarse cloth, and dust air-slaked lime on the cloth. This lime, breathed by the birds, causes the worms to relax their hold, and they are coughed up. Some recommend ground garlic in the mash. A very effective remedy is to strip a feather, leaving some down at the end. Moisten the feather in turpentine, and insert it into the windpipe. This causes the bird to sneeze, and the worms are expelled.

Lice exist in small numbers in almost every place where fowl are kept. A good preventive of lice on the chickens is to dust the hens thoroughly with insect powder. Care should be taken not to use too large a quantity, as it might cause injury to the chick's breathing.

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