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It is the custom at present, especially in country districts, for many farmers and other owners of horses to attend to the lesser complaints and diseases of their own animals. This custom may be attributed to various causes: in many cases the distance to be traversed, in order to reach a veterinary surgeon, is one great reason, and this especially refers to such cases as Colic and other diseases which require to be treated immediately, in order to avert most serious consequences. This work is not, and does not pretend to be, scientific; therefore I hope it will be received by the more learned with the forbearance which is merited by such a plain and simple work. It is the result of over twenty-three years' practice, and all the remedies given have been personally tested over and over again by the author, with most satisfactory results, both to the patients and the owners. The author therefore hopes that it may be of service to those for whom it is written, and be equally beneficial to their animals, he being thoroughly convinced that it is honestly written for that purpose.