THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Horse calked himself between knee and fetlock and it is discharging a grayish matter. I have been bathing it with a 20-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid, and rubbing with a lotion made of 1 ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead to a pint of water.

2. How often should a horse's sheath be washed out ?

3. Horse's sheath swelled up a month ago. I cleaned it, but it swells if I allow him to stand a day in stable, but goes down on exercise. His hind legs also were swollen last Monday, but exercise reduced the swellings, and they have not recurred.

4. What should a horse be given for his water ? A. M. S.

Ans .-- If any foreign body be in the wound it must be removed. You are treating well, except that you are using too strong a solution of carbolic acid. A five-per-cent. solution (1 part carbolic acid to 19 parts water) is strong enough. Inject a little into the wound three times daily.

2. It depends upon the horse. Some never require washing; others require it about once a year.

3. Swelling of the sheath and legs is not uncommon during the fall. It is good practice to give a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. This tends to remove the tendency to swell. Give regular exercise, and when not working feed lightly on grain.

4. This depends upon what is wrong. The habit of giving medicine periodically is wrong. If the urine becomes high colored and thick, give a tablespoonful of saltpetre every night for three doses, but do not give anything unless there is something wrong.

DUSTY HORSES.

I have a span of black mares four and five years of age which seem to be right every way except for their hair, which is rough and dirty. In half an hour after they have been cleaned they are as dusty as ever, and look more a mouse color than black. The one will rub in the stall and bite herself about the back and rump. In fact, her whole body back of shoulders seems to be itchy. They have been allowed pasture until this summer, when they only pastured about two months. In spring work they seem to lose flesh, but are always hearty, and are well fed for the work they do, eating three and a half quarts of oats three times a day, and what hay they need. This fall, before they began to shed their summer coat, I fed a small handful of flaxseed twice a day for about a month and a half. This is not the first winter they were in this condition, and it seems rather strange to me, as they are fine haired, and the hair does not stand up. They have a good warm stable, and when cleaned should give a good color. I may say I believe that the one has pinworms, as I notice she passes some after a feed of salt. W. R. Ans .- The cold weather causes a thickening of the horse's coat, and sharp, cold days cause the hair to.stand, catch, and retain much dust. Keep the horses clean and well bedded. Currying and brushing loosens the dust, much of which can be removed by using an old cloth. Blanketing the horses will keep their hair very short, and will tend to keep it glossy. Examine them for lice. To remove the pin-worms, give an injection per rectum of a solution prepared by heating 1 pound of quassia chips in 2 callons of water for 4 or 5 hours, adding more water if necessary. Strain the logued and make up to a gallon with water. Inject warm water first to remove forces. After the faces is expelled, inject the decoction and hold the tail down for half an hour to prevent it being extedled. The horses may have workes in their stomachs and small infor these, take 3 ounces each of sulpinate of iron, sulphate of copper, calound, and tartar emetic. Mix, and make into 24 powders. Give a powder each night and morning. After all are given, process with eight drams of aloes and two drams ginger. Feed bran only

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Because CALDWELL'S MOLASSES MEAL has come into general use among Canadian stockmen, we believe a few suggestions in regard to the best methods of feeding it will be appreciated.

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adding a handful to the evening meal, mixing thoroughly. During the first week add one pound of meal per day, distributed over the three feeds. During the second week increase to two pounds per day. During the third week increase to three pounds per day, or one pound each feed, and gradually decrease the quantity of oats, which are replaced by the Molasses Meal. In this way the animals are brought on to the feed gradually, and soon begin to show an improvement. Four to six weeks constitute a fair trial. By that time the Meal will have toned up the stomach and expelled any existing worms. Hard flesh will then be put on rapidly.

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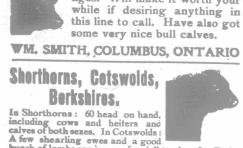
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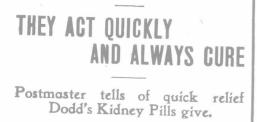
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