

attached to the vell; lift the vell towards the chest-cavity and cut it clear, leaving the book and honeycomb attached. When the vell has been thus secured, remove the few inches of bowel by cutting immediately above the junction between the stomach and the bowel, which feels like a hard knot close to the outlet from the vell. Then expel carefully the *whole* contents of the vell through the gut end by passing the vell a few times between the forefinger and thumb. Now

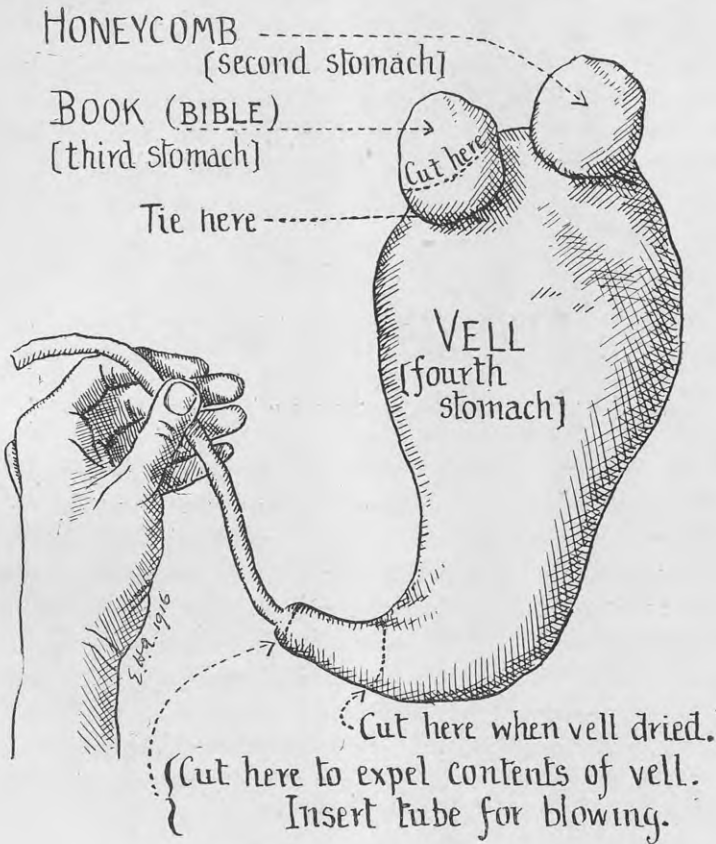


DIAGRAM INDICATING METHOD OF SAVING THE VELL.

remove the honeycomb and other adhering parts, leaving the book still attached. Tie a string tightly round the narrow neck between the vell and book, and then cut away the latter, leaving only sufficient of it to prevent the string from slipping. Insert a tube in the gut end, blow up the vell fairly hard like a bladder, and tie securely. Remove any adhering fat and tissue, taking care not to dress too close to the vell, as by doing so it may be weakened sufficiently to permit the escape of the air, in which case the vell would be rendered useless.