

We were told she had a chill, and dosed her with salts, lime water, raw eggs, whole milk, etc., to keep her strength up, but of no avail. She had about 12 quart bottles a day.

Is there any cure for this condition? The calf's stomach was as hard as a football and packed tight.

We lost a yearling two years ago which had had a lot of hay in winter.

Advisory Service on Veterinary Matters.

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She lingered on until February. Would this be the same trouble possibly?

LIVESTOCK DIVISION:—

The third stomach which you describe as containing dry material is always of a much firmer consistency and its contents drier than any of the other stomachs. In the case you refer to, however, this dryness seems to have been excessive.

The third stomach is under different nerve control from the others, and does not respond to dosing with the ordinary purgatives; stimulating treatment is necessary to restore its functions.

A drench made up as follows should be given in cold water every fourth hour:—

½ ounce of carbonate of ammonia.

½ dram of powdered nux vomica.

No gruels, milk, etc., should be given as drenches; hay tea should be given in their place.

If no response is obtained to treatment after two days, then two pints of liquid paraffin should be given as a drench and the stimulant treatment continued.

This stomach rarely becomes affected in the first instance. Its derangement usually results from the cessation of the normal movements of the first and second stomachs due to disease or unsuitable feeding.

Skin Irritation in a Horse

F.W. (WARKWORTH):—

A valuable draught mare, aged, in good condition, seems to be getting affected with some skin sores. Up to quite recently her coat of hair was shiny and sleek, but now pretty well all over the head from the nose up there are patches of hair coming off clean from the skin, and, apart from a watery appearance, shows no discharge. I notice she spends a lot of time rubbing on posts, etc., as if irritated with some itchiness. I do not really know whether these patches are actually rubbed off as they form or not, but when first I noticed the fresh ones they just seemed as if they had been shaved off, and sort of watery skin was left. So far only the head is affected, much disfiguring the appearance.

I was wondering whether there would be some external treatment, or, if internal, could I mix the remedy with some feed, chaff, or bran. The horse has been running on short but fresh grass all the winter, and has had access to plenty of fairly good quality

hay, but, has never been on hard feed, and is also rugged.

What do you consider the best treatment for cattle tick on horses? As I live in badly-infested areas, they are very severe on horses later in the year.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION:—

The condition affecting the mare's head is most likely due to digestive disorders. The mare should be given a bran mash for two nights in succession, and then given a drench of 1oz. of barbados aloes in 2 pints of hot water.

As a local application the following may be used every third day:—

Flowers of sulphur 8oz.

Rectified oil of tar 4oz.

Linseed oil 1 pint.

Lime water 1 pint.

The best method of dealing with cattle tick on horses is to spray as required with a reliable cattle tick dip.

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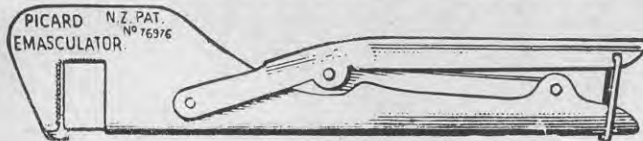
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