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SOME COMMON AILMENTS OF ANIMALS AND THEIR TREATMENT.

The Following is a Synopsis of an Address by Dr. H. P. Miller at the Farmers Institute in Chestertown last Week.

As presented by Dr. H. P. Miller, of Ohio, is designed to help farmers understand the causes and nature of the more common ailments of their farm animals, so that they may prevent disorders and diseases as far as possible, and treat intelligently the less complicated ones.

The horse suffers far more generally than recognized from defective teeth through the uneven wearing away of the crowns. Sharp points develop at the outer edge of the upper molars and inner edge of the lower. These lacerate the cheek and tongue. They should be floated off. Horses should be shod only under conditions that make it necessary. Farm horses seldom ever need shoeing. Lameness in the fore limbs is in the hoof in the vast majority of cases, and is due to injudicious shoeing. The heel should be kept low so as to permit the frog to receive a part of the weight otherwise the hoof will contract.

There are three forms of colic that must be distinguished before intelligent treatment can be administered. The most dangerous form is gaseous, and alkali is to be administered to check formation of gas. Common soda, charcoal, ammonia, Chloral, hydrate and carbonate of ammonia are indicated.

Spasmodic colic is the most common form, results from radical change of feed, excessive drinking or cold water, rapid chilling of the body, rapid or heavy work soon after feeding. Heat is the best relief. Hot packs when they can be applied, otherwise or in conjunction with any household remedy used in human family for same disorder given in ten times the dose for adult. Ounce doses of laudanum are valuable. The third form is that of impaction resulting from change to dry, indigestible food, as over-ripe clover hay or wheat straw. Give linseed oil until bowels are moved.

Azotures, or commonly colled "stiffs," is result of high feeding without exercise. At first evidence of attack stop the horse, blanket warmly and apply hot packs over quarters affected. Usually it is a paralysis of the muscels of the loin and hip. Rub vigorously with a mild blistering liniment, also rub limbs with same. A laxative will assist. Feed little or nothing for several hours.

The watery accumulations upon shoulders of horses in spring, results from the long continued pressure of the collar by which circulation is impeded. The blood vessel walls distend when pressure is removed so that fluid portions of blood escapes in the connective tissues beneath skin. It may often be removed by application of hot cloths for a few days; when this is not successful open the enlargement after thoroughly cleansing the skin and knife to be used.

So called "wolf-in-the-tail" and "hollow-horn" are conditions resulting from poor nourishment. The remedy is good feeding.

A cheap and efficient remedy for lice upon animals is common gasoline. All kinds of young animals suffer seriously from interval parasites. Proprietary stock foods are not reliable remedies. Tarter emetic, copperas and turpentine are simple and effective remedies.

Some facts for Farmers and Teachers, by H. P. Miller, of Ohio, was addressed in which attention was called to the constancy of Nature's laws, and to the large part to forces of nature play in the achievements of man. The results of mens energy largely depends upon whether he co-operates with or works in opposition to Natures forces. The advances in the achievements of men are simply a record of the discovery of ways, in which men have learned to avail themselves.

No other worker in the field of human activities has so many of these forces awaiting his bidding as the farmer. No other worker can profit so largely by the discoveries of science. In every field and phase of his operations he meets natural laws and forces that help or hinder depending upon whether he understands them or not. The individual must ever remain a learner as indeed must the human race. Many important truths for the farmers have been established within a quarter of a century. They are being disclosed each year. No other generation in the history of the world has been so well prepared to discover and desseminate truths as our own, especially those related to agriculture.

Experiment stations are demonstrating the dependence of agriculture upon science. Agricultural Colleges are teaching the sciences that underlie it. The agriculture press and farmers institute are proclaiming the truths discovered and pointiug out their application to the work of the farmer.

Crops that Improve the Soil.

Under this topic H. P. Miller called attention to the way in which the fertility of the land had been developed. Pulverized rock to become soil must have organic matter and the element nitrogen added to it.

The way to make our badly worn soils more productive is not to let them rest through lying bare, but to keep something growing upon them that goes back to the land, directly or indirectly, to increase the organic matter in the soil.

The process of decay going on in contact with the rock particles liberates the plant food they contain. The plants themselves return the elements they withgrew in their growth, but they add more.

One of the great problems of agriculture is that of increasing the nitrogen in the soil. There is an inexhaustible supple in the atmosphere. None of the cultivated plants can directly use the called nitrogen of the air, but the class legumes support a lower form of vegetable life known as bacteria upon their roots that have the power of transforming the nitrogen of the air into a compound that our cultivated plants can use. Because of this quality we speak of the legumes, peas, beans and clovers as soil improvers. It must be borne in mind, however, that they add nitrogen to the soil only when they support the germs upon their roots. Each species of plant requires a particular species of germ. These must be put into many soils.

Red clover and alfalfa have another value. They root more deeply than the grasses and bring up mineral elements, also leave a larger proportion of themselves in root and stubble upon the field where they grew.

Cover crops are valuable in that they protect the soil from washing and blowing.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

This winter of winters has been the hardest on our oystermen within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. As late as six years ago with the river frozen as sold as now the oystermen could go out and cut holes in the ice and catch three to five bushels of oysters a day, but now they are so scarce that a day's work on those lines might not produce a peck.

The birds and rabbits have a hard time. Some quail are frequenting corn cribs and barns while the rabbits are gnawing the bark from bushes and young saplings above the snow line.

Hawks are more numerous than at any other time that I can remember and bolder. They will dart among the chickens right at the hen house door and the day after the big snow drift one hawk, of the large hen hawk variety, actually darted into the hen house at Carters, on the Cliffs. Mr. Carter happened close by and got to the door as the hawk came out and struck it a blow with his cane, knocking it into the snow bank and falling in himself, just in the reach of the hawk, which he grabbed by the back and forced it down in the snow about a foot. Capt. Kirby happened along about that time and procuring a good stout stick carefully dug the snow away from its head, Carter still holding it down. Capt. Kirby just punched that head almost to a jelly. They hung the hawk up for a scare hawk but others still come.

Some of the peach sharps are commencing to kill the crop. I can give you a better estimate next August. In old times the Delaware peach grower killed the crop every winter, but a little education on the subject changes his reports just reverse, and he then always reported a big crop, so as to get buyers ready for business.

Every body is on the water wagon now, no boat to bring the ardent.

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The March Smart Set.

Maurice Francis Egan has an entertaining and timely essay on "Questions of Precedence," in which he discusses the laws that govern social usages in Washington.

The verse in the March SMART SET is of remarkably fine quality, and includes characteristic work by Madison Cawein, Zona Gale, Arthur Stringer, Florence Wilkinson, Gouverneur Morris, Edith M. Thomas, R. L. Munkittrick and John Vante Cheney.

If THE SMART SET maintains the standard of this number even approximately for the coming twelve months, the future success of the magazine will be as sure as its past.

Low Prices in Philadelphia.

An interesting and amusing instance of business acumen on the part of a German butcher in Philadelphia is furnished by a gentlemen in that city.

"One day," said the gentleman, "I inquired of the butcher the price of sausage.

"'Sausage is 16 cents a pound,' he replied, after a moment's hesitation, 'but today, I haven't no sausage already.

"Whereupon, I asked why, if he had not the goods he should quote a price thereon.

"'Der question iss easy to answer, replied he, without a suspicion of a smile. 'If I had some of dose sausage den der brice would be 20 cents, yes. But I haf no sausage, noo; so I make der brice low. It gifes me a reduckshuh und it costs me noddings.''

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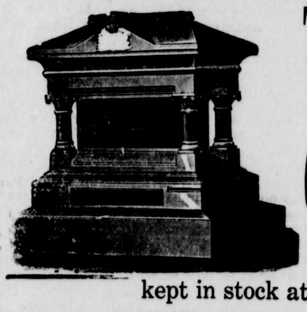
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