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for live stock diseases. The Associate Editor being a veterinarian takes pleasure in answering such inquiries, but too frequently the description of the symptoms and conditions surrounding the case is so brief and indefinite that it gives him no clue to the cause or nature of the trouble. The diagnosis of disease is the most difficult problem the physician has to solve. It is difficult and uncertain when a personal examination and every possible opportunity for getting all the facts and evidence are practicable; but when no further information is given than that the animal is sick, has a cough, a swelling under the jaw, or is lame in a foreleg, a diagnosis is simply impossible.

Sometimes a single fact will give a veterinarian a pretty definite idea of the nature of the disease, but more frequently the best he can do with these inquiries is to suggest general remedies and good care and feeding. We would like to give our friends who write for information about diseased live stock more definite and efficient help; but it just simply can not be done, on the meager information which the average inquiry contains, with safety to the animal to be treated.

#### A Thousand Times Better No Medicine Than the Wrong Medicine.

We wish, too, we could impress on the owners of live stock the fact that a wrong medicine given to a sick animal is infinitely more dangerous than giving nothing. The animal body has within it the power to heal itself in most cases, if given a proper opportunity. It is, therefore, much safer to give no medicine than to give the wrong one, or

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### Don't Let an Untrained Man Doctor Your Stock.

This seems, for some reason, a most difficult fact for the average person to fully believe. It is simply astonishing, the large numbers of people who will prescribe for sick live stock. Without any knowledge of medicines or disease the poultryman will prescribe remedies for chicken cholera, or the merchant or farmer will guarantee (?) a cure for colic or hog cholera. "It is true that the agents prescribed are sometimes without medicinal value in any case, but often they are not so harmless and are certain to do more harm than good. On points of law few men will accept the opinion of any ignorant man in preference to that of the learned judge, but thousands of otherwise intelligent people will accept and act on the opinion of any ignorant handler of live stock when it is in direct conflict with the generally accepted and established truths of the best medical science.

### Better Chance of Getting Well Without Medicine.

In this we are not writing for the benefit of the competent veterinarians, for they are too few in the South to enter into the proposition, but we are writing in the interests of the dumb animals which do so much for us and are entitled to more consideration when sick than is usually shown them. For their sake and for your own give no medicines at all unless they are prescribed by one who has had a medical education; or you are sure you know the diseases, its true nature and the correct medicines for its treatment. In fact, we believe it would be better to refrain entirely from the giving of medicines internally to our live stock except when prescribed by a competent veterinarian.

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