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OUTBREAK OF DISEASE . . AMONG HORSES.

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Washington, North Carolina.

DEAR SIR :- Referring to your communication of the 22d ultimo, and enclosure, consisting of a letter addressed to you by E. A. Jones, of Makleyville, Hyde county, North Carolina, in regard to a serious and fatal outbreak of a disease among the horses of that section, I would say that the following reply is based upon the report of Dr. R. W. Hickman of the Bareau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, to Dr. D. E. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau upon his return from Hyde and Beaufort counties on the 10th instant, after having, as you are aware, traveled over the territory in which the disease prevailed.

I sympathize with your people in their misfortune, and regret that the Department was not able to render you greater service. You are, however, familiar with all the facts in regard to the investigation, as well, as the quickly fatal character of the malady; as a result of which the animals that had been affected had died, or in a very few instances recovered, except two which were well on the way to recovery; in which latter instances the symptoms, that might have been otherwise in a measure apparent, were masked by the condition which had resulted to them, at the time of Dr. Hickman's visit, as a result largely of the character of the remedies which had been applied and the attempts at treatment by the owners. Consequently, no cases were seen by him which exhibited the symptoms characteristic of the staggers. or so called cerebro spinal meningetis.

In the event of other cases of this disease being brought to your notice in the near future, or during another season, I would suggest shat the smoking of the head with tar and feathers, which seems to have been resorted to to a considerable extent in the treatment of this disease, also the administration of large doses of kerosene oil and the injection of kerosene and vinegar into the nostrils, is certainly not to be recommended. In order to secure success in the treatment of the disease of our domesticated animals, it is important that such harsh measures should be avoided, and that only such remedies should be used as may be expected to assist nature in its efforts to regain a normal-state.

The physiological action of drugs has

been chiefly learned through experimentation upon the lower animals, and remedies which are applicable in the treatment of the diseases of man are likewise applicable in the treatment of the diseases of horses, when a similar line of symptoms indicate the use of the sante remedies, or when the purpose to be gained in their use is practically the same; for instance, if it wece thought advisable to give inhalations of tar vapor to horses when suffering from a disease in which such treatment would be indicated, it would be best to nearly fill a bucket with sweet hay, pour upon it two or three ounces of tar and then pour boiling water over the hay and tar, not sufficient to entirely cover the hay, as otherwise the animal's nose might be scalded; place this bucket in a meal bag and then by tying the free end of the bag containing the bucket to the head stall of the horse so as to include the nose within the bag, the steam will be directed to the horse's nose and inhaled by him. But irritating substances like kerosene and vinegar under no circumstances should be injected into a horse's nose, betther should the irritating smoke from burning tar and feathers be inhaled by them. The inhalation of quantities of smoke has of itself frequently pro. duced pneumonia in the horse.

When it is thought desirable to adminis ter a pargative, an S ounce dose of Glauber salts may be given, dissolved in a wine bottie full of water, or a ball composed of

1 oz. of Barbadoes aloes,

1 dram of calomel,

1 oz. of castile soup, 2 drams of powdered ginger,

to a 1100 lb. horse; for smaller animals, the amount of aloes should be decreased.

The fyllowing treatment to excite a more healthy action of the kidneys for the purpose of controlling the fever, and at the same time for its tonic effect, might follow the administration of the purgative :

Nitrate of potassa, 2 oz. Powdered gentian root, 2 oz. Powdered nux vomies, 1 oz. Bicarbonate of soda, 1 ez.

Powdered willow charcoal, 3 oz.

Mix thoroughly and give a table spoonful three times a day on feed. If the temperature is high, or if there is marked debility, sulphate of quinine may be given in doses of 60 to 80 grains twice a day, morning and

It seems to have been generally thought that sore throat and inflammation of the lungs were prominent features in this disease. I would suggest in this connection that the inhalation of smoke from burning tar and leathers, the injection of kerosene and vinegar into the nostrils, and drenching the avimals through the nostrils or mouth with irritating medicines, which may gain entrance to the wind pipe and lungs, are not only capable of producing sore throat and pneumonia but are very liable to. Drenches should not be administered through the nose, and great care should always be exercised in drenching a availed himself of his knowledge, to earn a lively boses when there is manifested by him hood beatting his standar, by supplying this mar, horse when there is manifested by him difficulty or inability to swallow, as it is quite possible that in this trouble we often have a paralysis of the muscles which have ents received. to do with the act of swallowing.

A good fever medicine in diseases such as sore throat and inflammation of the lungs, which are accompanied with fever, would be a mixture such as the following :

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Liquor ammonia acetate, 15 oz. Give two tablespoonfuls every four hours.

In such cases as described by Mr. Jones and other citizens of the locality, it may be said that in the majority of the cases of this disease which have occurred during the present outbreak, there was very little time for treatment. Greater attention should be given to preventive treatment, which includes all matters relating to bygiene iu connection with the care of your animals. It has been found that it is not unusual for some of the farmers in your section to drive

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