
$\frac{\text { Tuesday, May } 23,1871 .}{\text { FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS }}$

For Tho Bloomfeda Times.
A Horsess Pulse nud its Indications. The condition of the pulse is a consid-
eration of the utmost importance to tho eration or the uumost importance to the
reterinary pratitioner. In most disenes
he has no other means equally as good of determining the atenal latate of hhis pp-
tient's system, and there is ot hing which teents system, and there is nothing which
will guide him so well in forming his
onimion in regurd to the necessity of opinion in regard to the neeessity of
bleeding. There can be no considerable excitement of the sytem, from exercise,
intense emotion, or disense, without caus-
 pulse and the presence of disase is thus
readily detected. The pulse may be discovered and counted in several places on
the horse's body, but nowhere is it so ensslower jaw-hone. Here the sub-maxil-
lara yriery pascesover the edge of the
bone and bone, and foels like a small cord under
tho kin. By presesing the fingers upon
tit it steadily, the pulsations may he fot
pubhing their way along at tho rato of
about thirty-five to forty.five per minute,
 to find tho pulse is this : that the prossur
upon the hard boue beeneath nathles on to determine, not only the rapidity of the
pulse, but also its strength and oth
charaeteristics. Tiffy beats to the thin ute, when the horse is not laboring u
der museular or nervous agitation, const tutes a disensed pulse, and seventy or
eighty betrays a uost faurful state of ox
citement. Such is the cure in blind stangers. In inflamation of the lungs
and bowels, seventy beats per minute is alout the maximum attrined in the great
majority of cases. In health the majority of cases. In heaith the pusat.
tions are slow and sol, making mu imthe pressure of the finger is applied, but
not hard and tense, by any means. But as fever and inflamation come on, the
vein becomes more turgid, the blood be comes more heated, tho netion of the
heart is lightencd, and the pulse inereas ed in proportion. It it sometimes the
case that the blood is thick when the case that the blood is thick when there i
but very little fever; but the amount of
the latter is tuwass indicated by th quickness of the pulse. The quick,
throbbing pulse speaks of inflamation zomewhere ; the hard pulse of some
chronic or long standing disease. Sometimes we find the pulse to prosent both of
these conditions simultaneously, and then che casp is an nalarming one, ealling for
prompt and vigorous mensures, or death will probably remove the necessity of fur-
ther cfforts. Besides the terms employed above, there are others in general use
among horsemen, to distinguish the various kinds of pulsation recognizable un-
der the infuence of disease. The hard pulse is that in which the beats give evidence of powerffal or over action of the
heart, but without muelh disturbnce of heart,
the circulation otherwise. In the wiry pulse they appar small, as to volume,
but hard and jerkiog, causing great irritability in the region of the heart, so veins are properily filled. Immediato danger does rot turk behind this,but advances
with it boldly, defiantly strides, indeed it betokens acute inflamation, especially of the bowels, or some-
times of the urinary orgns, pressed pulse exists when tho arteries apout from the headed with blood, thrown with dificiculty. Influmation of the lungs or is genernlly the cease ase of this phaumonia
non, and in this cone carried to excess, will actually increase the strength of the pulastious instend of
weakening them; it will be a proper recourse in all the conditions of the pulse
thus far enumerated. Not so the thus far enumerated. Not so, however,
in the cuse of the weak pulse, for here in the cuse of the weak pulse, for here
there is debility and exhaustion, and the heart beats but feebly, while the blood is por and thin, as well as deficient in quantity. Such accompanies all diseases that tend to prostrate the system, and at
other times may indicate the very pear other times may indicate
appronh of douth. Some epersons beed
for every ailment, and o therer not Tor every nilment, and others not at ail in every thing else. When the horse
well, it is absolute folly and cruelty well, it is absolute folly and cruelty
bleed, and we should let woll enougit alone. But when the veins are turgid with blood, and the pulse under the stim-
ulous of fever and inflamation, is hard, wiry, or oppressed, the practitioner who
endeavors to curo the horse by means endeavors to cure the harse by macens of
medication olly generally finds himself
eatirely medication only, generally ndis himself cess. Yor the more convenient reforence
of the reader, I will here recapitulate the various stateen of the pulse in diseasees,
with the general indicee with the generan indications of ea
instruetions concerning bleadiag. Quick, thrubbing pulse, in inflamation,
-bleed freely: hard pulse, feverish ose ment, - bled freely; full, oorded pulse chrowic or long standing disease-bleed


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