

Farm, Home &c.

Diarrhoea in Fowls.—Recent scientific researches have proved that this disease is caused by a microscopic organism which is developed in the intestines, passes into the blood, and multiplies itself there with extraordinary rapidity. The parasite is ejected from the hens, and may be taken by birds who pick about among the dung-heaps, or eat the grains that have been soiled by contact with it. If a fowl dies, there is any cause to fear that diarrhoea has caused its death, the birds should be immediately taken out of the poultry-yard and isolated. The poultry-yard and poultry-house should be well cleansed, the dung removed, and the walls, perches, and soil washed with plenty of water. The water used should contain five grammes per litre of sulphuric acid, and a stiff broom or brush should be employed. When ten days have passed without a death occurring, the birds need remain no longer isolated, excepting those which show signs of prostration, depression, or sleepiness. These simple measures will be found sufficient to stop the progress of the contagion, and to prevent its return. If they are employed as soon as the disease makes its appearance, they will reduce the losses to an insignificant figure.

To tell the Age of Cows.—The age of horned cattle may generally be known by rings on the horns till their tenth year; after that time they give no indication of age further than the animal has passed its tenth year. The first ring appears on the horn after the animal is two years old—soon after, as a general rule, though sometimes before that age. During the third year the ring gradually increases and at three years of age is completely formed. The second ring appears during the fourth year, and at the fifth year it is complete. After that period an additional ring is formed each year. This rule is sufficiently plain, and even a young farmer needs but little practice to enable him to read a cow's age on her horns. A cow with three rings is six years old; with four rings is seven years old. No new rings are formed after the tenth year; the deeper rings, however, and the worn appearance of horns are pretty sure indications of old age.

To the thousand-and-one exterminators of rats we add the following, which has appeared in a scientific journal, in order that those who choose to do so may try it, especially as it costs little in either time or money. No doubt it will purify the premises and act as a preventive of disease: "In every crevice where a rat might tread we put crystals of copperas and scatter the same in the corners of the floor. The result was a perfect stampede of rats and mice. Since that time not a footfall of either rat or mice has been heard about the house. Every spring a coat of yellow wash is given to the cellar, as a purifier as well as an exterminator, and no typhoid, dysentery or fever attacks the family."

Irregular Wear of Hoofs.—In cases of irregular wear of the hoofs the only remedy consists of removing the excessive growth by paring with a knife. Only so much should be removed as to give the foot an approximately natural shape. If this is attended to regularly once a month, or every six weeks, no further trouble may be experienced. Such deviations in the natural shape of the hoofs are generally the consequence of want of wear, as in cases where cattle are kept indoors during a long period. In paring such feet due care must be exercised not to cut too close to the vital parts or to draw blood, in which case bad results may follow.

How to Cure A Sore Throat.—One who has tried communicates the following about curing sore throats: Let each one of your readers buy at any drug store one ounce of camphorated oil and five cent's worth of chlorate of potash.—When any soreness appears in throat pour the potash in a half tumbler full of water, add the camphorated oil, and with it gargle the throat thoroughly at night before going to bed, and also pin around the throat a small strip of woolen flannel. This is a simple, cheap and sure remedy.

Onion Cure.—A young man in this place was quite recently taken down with malarial fever, so pronounced by the family physician, his pulse marking one hundred. In the evening the family determined to test the onion cure. Several onions were exceedingly bruised and applied to the soles of his feet and his wrists, the consequence was a thorough sweating complete. We can vouch for the correctness of this statement.—*Waynesboro' Village Record.*

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