

This distressing and destructive mal-This distressing and destructive mal-ady is seldom properly understood or treated, and the result is that, though behecked, it breaks out again. This is because so few farmers read and inform themselves thoroughly about their busi-ness, and because even those well in-formed perform surgical operations in so enceles a manner. In the April number of the American Agriculturist, we ex-plained the stimuture of the sheep's foot and the origin of the disease known as the foulds. This never need be confound-ed with foot rot, though we don't out it is often the precursor of it, for it puts the foot in excellent preparation to take it easily.

easily. Contagiousness of Hoaf Rot—There are some medical men, we believe, who deny that any disease is contagious, and they deny the contagiousness of hoaf rot. They are, we presame, right just so far:—were a perfecely healthy foot, sound and clean, to be exposed to the contagious virus, it would probably ex-cape; if, however, it were anywise sore, infiamed or wounded, it would probably take it at once. The disease is often inflamed or wounded, it would probably take it at once. The discase is often long in reaching that point which causes the sheep to go lame, and it progresses gradually, first causing limping; then the lifting of one foot; then severe lameness of both forefeet; then going upon the knees, which brings the feet in contact with the breast. It does not involve other note of the system until involve other parts of the system until far advanced. Then the feet become masses of rottenness; moggots breed in them and work into the flesh, and this corruption is communicated to the breast During the whole course of the disease, until near the last, the sheep has good appetite and digostion, and is no other

appetre and ingestion, and is no other way affected. On this account the cure is, theoreti-cally, very simple and sure. In practice, it is just as simple, if th roughly done. The well cleaned hoofs, softened by coaking in dewy grass or on a rainy day, or otherwise, are pared with cutting pliers and very sharp knives until every particle of diseased matter is taken away, perficie of diseased matter is taken away, even if it involves the removal of *all* the hoof; they are then washed with warm water and soap, and smeared with some caustic paste, or fluid, or the sheep forced to stand in a bot, saturated solu-tion of blue vitrol for ten minutes. In diseasing therewigin of hoof rot, most writers take sides, either denying its contenueness or assertion it most

its contagionsness, or asserting it most vehemently. For ourselves, we can see no other sensible belief than that it may be originated whenever the hoofs, being be originated whenever the hools, being softened by moisture, are penetrated by foreign substances like gritty soil or sand, and especially when such things, finding their way through cracks in the hoof, thus come in contact with the sensitive lamella, or the papillary tissues, where they induce acute inflammation. The natural growth of the hoof adapts it to the user and teas of crawally and roady In atural growth of the hoof adapts it to the wear and tear of gravelly and rocky hill sides, and on such localities the outer walls wear off fast, so that they are near-ly gven with the sole, and the foot is neat and trim; but on soft ground, in stables or yards, the growth of the outer walls is so much more rapid than the wear, that they grow long, curl under the sole, and turn up in front, throw the wear back upon the heels, and keep them more or less inflamed, and are them-selves linble to cracks and splits, which, if foreign substances work in, readily involve the sensitive portion of the hoof in inflammation. Where the horn-forming tissue becomes inflamed, is changed; In inflammation. Where the norn-forming tissue becomes inflamed, the character of the horn formed is changed; its quantity is greatly increased, but it is softer, owing to the mixture of pus and foreign matter, and in proportions has a fungoid appearance. The walls of the hoof become detached from the foot in spois of larger or smaller extent, owing to the fact that as soon as the lamel to become diseased the horn they scretc has no consistence, and hence the walls have no hold upon the foot. The pus which constantly exudes from the sores has the quality of inducing the same disease ji it comes in contact with in-flamed or wounded surfaces of the fact of other sheep. We see, then, good reasons for the views that the houf rot originates only in wet locations, or on ground which is not dry, and where sheep's holds are liable to erack from over-growth and softening by water, and oversed the originate the met the met the sores sneeps hoots are hable to crack from over-growth and softening by water, and exposed to grit, and that where the mal-ady is, otherwise unknown, it may be communicated to a soind flock by the introduction of one sheep having the disease.—American Agriculturist.

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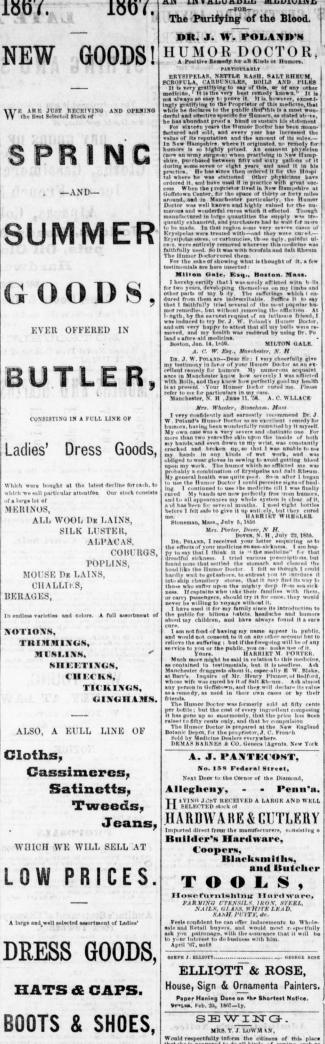
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