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No. 1. FISTULA AND POLL EVIL BEFORE BREAKING.—Rowel from the bottom to the top of the swelling with tape, wet the rowels with Tincture Cantharides every third day. Move the rowels every morning, and wash them clean with soap and water. Leave them in until the swelling has gone down, then draw out and the cure is performed. Bleed one gallon when the operation is performed.

No. 2. AFTER BREAKING.—Rowel from the top of the pipe down through the pipe, then bleed, and anoint the rowels with *Blue Ointment* every day until it runs a bloody matter. This is never known to fail.

No. 3. BLUE OINTMENT.—Take half an ounce of verdigris, one ounce of blue vitriol, four ounces of ointment of rosin, one ounce of spirits of turpentine, grind all fine and mix well with one pound of lard, and it is fit for use. Common rosin will do if the ointment is not convenient.

No. 4. THE HOOKS OR WEAK EYES.—Rowel in the jaw and under the eyes, then bleed. Apply the eye lotion every third day with a feather. Move the rowels every morning. Leave them in fifteen or twenty days—feed no corn.

No. 5. EYE LOTION.—Take one pint of linseed oil, add two ounces gum camphor, and one ounce of ether. Shake it well and it is fit for use. This cures all weak eyes that are curable.

No. 6. SPAVIN AND RING-WORM OINTMENT.—Take two ounces Cantharides, one ounce gum euphorbeam, two ounces turpentine, one ounce tincture of iodine, and three drachms corrosive sublimate. Grind all fine and mix with two pounds of lard.

No. 7. HOOF BOUND.—Have horse shod with shoes wide at the heel. Have them made with corks one inch long and flaring out from the bottom to the top. Use the *Hoof Ointment* every third day.

No. 8. HOOF OINTMENT.—Take a half pound of lard and four ounces of rosin. Heat them over a slow fire until melted, take the pot off and add one ounce of pulverized verdigris, stir well to prevent its running over. When partly cool add two ounces turpentine. Apply it from the hair down one inch. Work the horse all the time.

No. 9. BIG LEG.—Apply the *Liquid Blister* every third hour until it blisters. In three days grease the leg with linseed oil. In six days wash it clean with soap and water. Repeat every six days until the swelling goes down. If there should be any callous left apply the spavin ointment.

No. 10. LIQUID BLISTER.—Take half a pint linseed oil, one pint spirits turpentine, and four ounces aqua ammonia—shake well and it is fit for use. Apply every third hour until it blisters.

No. 11. HOOF EVIL OR THRUSH.—Physic and bleed, then poultice the foot with the boiled turnips. Renew every twenty-four hours for three times, then apply the *Blue Ointment* every third day, merely anointing the sore parts. Wash clean before applying. Keep the horse out of the mud and wet. This will never fail to cure in four or five weeks.

No. 12. FOUNDER.—Bleed in the neck until the horse staggers or falls down. Turn up his feet and fill them with boiling lard. Give him a physic ball, and foment his legs with hot water every five or six hours. Give him a mash of scalded bran. This will cure in twenty-four hours.

No. 13. LUNG FEVER.—*Symptoms*—The horse is taken suddenly ill, either after being taken from the stable or on returning to it. He gives evidence of pain by looking round at his side. He never offers to lay down. His nostrils are extended. He breathes hard, his chest in sore, or over his lungs he cannot bear you to press your hand hard on his chest; very dry but cannot drink.

CURE—Bleed three gallons. Take one ounce of lavender, two ounces spirits of nitre, half pint of water, drench him. Repeat every four hours until better. Blanket him as warm as possible. Then apply the *Liquid Blister* all over the chest opposite the lungs every third hour until it blisters. If he is not better in six hours repeat the bleeding, and inject with the following glyster, half gallon war water, half pint linseed oil, and a small handful of salt. Never physic or he will die.

No. 14. BUTTON FARCY.— *Symptoms*—Swelled legs and running sores on the legs.

CURE.—Bleed largely, then physic. Then give the following ball or pills in forty-eight hours after the physic has operated. Give two ounces of gentian, and four ounces of ginger. Make this in a paste, with honey or molasses. Divide it into ten parts, add to each part ten grains of arsenic. Roll it up in paper, and give one morning and evening until it physicks or makes him slobber, then omit, and give one ounce of laudanum. Feed on green or light food. Wash the sores clean, and apply the blue ointment every other day. If there should be any swelling left in the legs, apply the general liniment every day or two.

No. 15. WATER FARCIN.— *Symptoms*— The horse is dull and loses his appetite, and swells along the belly or chest and between the fore legs.

CURE.—Rowel in the breast and along each side of the chest as far as the swelling goes. Leave the rowels in until the swelling goes down. Give him a spoonful of cleansing powders morning and night.

NAZAL GLEET, or running at the nose, or to dry up distemper.—Take half a pound of alum, half a pound of rosin, half a pound of blue vitriol, four ounces of ginger, and enough fenugreek to scent. Grind all fine. Give the horse a spoonful two or three times a day. This will cure all discharges or distempers, if not glanders.

No. 17. CHRONIC COUGH.—Take powdered squills one ounce, ginger two ounces, cream of tartar one ounce, mix well, and give a spoonful every morning and evening in wet bran. This is good after hard riding or driving. It cures all coughs and colds, and will prevent the lungs from swelling.

No. 18. CLEANSING POWDERS.—Take of ginger two ounces, four ounces of , one ounce of black antimony, and two ounces . Grind all fine and mix it well, and it is fit for use. Given large spoonful every morning and night. This is the best condition powder ever used. It gives a good appetite and five coat, and life to the animal.

No. 19. FITS.— *Symptoms*—The horse commences jerking his head and falls down; in a short time he will get up and is apparently well.

CURE—Give two ounces of the tincture of asafoetida every morning for ten days. Tie the gum on his bit and wear it for six or eight days. He will never have a fit after the first dose.

No. 20. JAUNDICE YELLOW WATER.— *Symptoms*—The hair in the main and tail gets loose, the white of his eyes turns yellow, and the bars of his mouth, he refuses to eat, and limps in his right fore leg generally.

CURE.—Physic, but never bleed, then every morning give him one drachm of calomel in one ounce spirits camphor for eight or ten days, also give him a dose of the cleansing powders every night. This is a sure cure.

No. 21. NICKING BALSAM.—Take a half pound of fresh butter, add to this one ounce oil origanum, and half an ounce of the tincture of iodine. Mix well and it is fit for use. This is used on the tail after nicking, and for bruises, saddle galls, corks, and all kinds of sprains and rheumatism.

No. 22. THUMPS, or Palpitation of the Heart.— *Symptoms*—The horse is almost exhausted, breathing is very hard. The difference between Thumps and Lung Fever is in the distress of the heart, which you may hear flutter to the distance of twenty feet.

CURE.—Bleed largely and it will stop suddenly. Dissolve one drachm of nitre and a large spoonful of salt in half a pint of water. Drench every six hours for three times. Do not work the horse for a week.

No. 23. SHOULDER JAM, or Sweeny.—Rowel from the top of the Shoulder Blade down as far as affected. Put in a few drops tincture of cantharides every third day. Move the rowels every day, keep them clean with soap and water. Keep them in from twenty to thirty days and the cure is performed.

No. 24. STOPPAGE OF THE URINE.— *Symptoms*—Frequent attempts to urinate, looking round at his sides, laying down, rolling, and stretching.

CURE—Take half a pound of hops, three drachms oil of camphor. Grind and mix. Make this into three pills. Give one every day with a drench made of a small spoonful of salt petre and two ounces of water. This will cure generally.

No. 25. PHYSIC BALL.—Take two ounces aloes, one ounce turpentine, and an ounce of flour. Make into a paste with a few drops of water. Wrap in paper and give with the balling iron.

No. 26. TO REMOVE WARTS.—Cut them out by the roots, and if they bleed much dissolve one grain of nitrate of silver in two ounces of water and it will stop immediately, then apply the blue ointment every day until it heals.

No. 27. INFAMMATION OF THE KIDNEYS.— *Symptoms*—The horse is weak across his back, and passes urine very often, which is very highly colored.

CURE—Bleed one gallon, then blister across the kidneys and give the following powder: two ounces rosin, one ounce heliber, one ounce gentian, mix, and give one spoonful every day. This will cure in ten days.

No. 28. STIFLE SPRAINS.—If it has never been out of place, bleed two gallons, then physic and bathe with hot water every twenty-four hours, and apply the general liniment, this will cure in all cases in ten or twenty days. Never put on a stifle shoe.

No. 29. LOSS OF APPETITE.—Bleed half a gallon, then give a few doses of cleansing powders. If he lacks life then give him a few drops of the restorative liquid.

No. 30. RESTORATIVE LIQUID.—This will give life to all that is not dead. Take of the oil of cloves one ounce, oil of annis one ounce, tincture of cantharides one ounce, tincture of asafoetida two ounces, oil of rosemary one ounce. Shake well and it is fit for use. Give ten or fifteen drops in a bucket of water.

No. 31. HOOF LIQUID.—This is for contracted feet, or bruises in the soles of the feet, or after joint sprains. Take four ounces oil of spike, four ounces spirits turpentine, and half a pint linseed oil. Shake well and apply over the crust of the foot every day. This will remove fever and sorences of the foot, and will remove hoof bound, but the ointment is best.

No. 32. GENERAL LINIMENT.—Take half a pint linseed oil, half a pint turpentine, oil of origanum four ounces, shake well and it is fit for use. This is for all sprains and a general liniment. It is used in the different diseases spoken of.

No. 33. SORE MOUTH OR TONGUE.—First take his grain from him, then half an ounce of alum, two drachms sugar of lead, one pint vinegar, and half a gallon of water, open the mouth and swab it out clean with this every morning and night. This will cure in all cases in five or six days.

No. 34. —MANGE.— *Symptoms*—The hair will rub off and the skin break out in scabs.

CURE.—Physic and bleed, for this is a humor in the blood, then make the following ointment, and grease well every day wherever he is affected for three or four days, and let him stand in the sun. For *killing* lice take half a pound of sulphur, two ounces spirits turpentine, and mix well with three pounds of lard. Don't let him get wet. Give a few doses of the cleansing powders.

No. 35. TO STOP BLOOD.—If you can get hold of the artery or vein, tie it up. If not, take the following: ten grains of the nitrate of silver and four ounces of water, apply it to the wound and it will stop immediately. Apply this to warts after cutting them out.

No. 36. CHEST FOUNDER.— *Symptoms*.—Not unlike lung fever, the horse is stiff, but has no fever in his feet, very sore in his chest, inclines to stand very wide with his fore legs.

CURE.—Bleed, physic, and rowel in the breast, then commence barbing his breast and chest with hot water every six hours, and blanket him. This will cure him if not of too long standing.

No. 37. MALANDERS— Is a disease of the feet and pasterns. It commences after the grease heels. *Symptoms*—The hair stands out.

CURE.—Apply the spavin ointment every six days for two or three times, it will run the callous off, then apply the blue ointment until well.

No. 38. SOAP LINIMENT.—For sprains and swellings. Take half a gallon of alcohol, one pint soft soap, four ounces spirits camphor, and four ounces spirits turpentine. Stir all over a slow fire. This is cheap and good, when you can't get the general liniment.

No. 39. OPODELDOC.—Take half a gallon of alcohol, two ounces gum camphor, and half an ounce oil of rosemary. Heat this by setting a jar or pot on the stove. Take pure Castile soap and shave it thin, and put in as long as the liquid will eat it, this is pure.

No. 40. NERVE AND BONE LINIMENT.—To one quart clarified neats foot oil, add two ounces oil turpentine, four ounces oil organum, and one pint of alcohol, shake it and clean it with red sanders, then strain it.

No. 41.—LOCK JAW.—Bleed largely, and apply *Chloroform* to the nose until the jaws fly open, put a gag in the mouth and give two ounces tincture of asafœtida every six hours, and a dose of physic. This will cure if there is any cure.

No. 42. HEAVE POWDERS TO TRADE ON.—Half a pound Spanish brown, and half a pound ginger. Give a tablespoonful three times a day.

No. 43. GRAVEL IN THE FOOT.—If it is of long standing poultice the foot with boiled turnips, or any other drawing poultice, until it draws, then dress it with blue ointment for a few times. If there is much fever apply the hoof liquid a few times.

No. 44. In Nicking, if much swelling follows, bleed and use the Nicking balsam every other day on the root of the tail. Never apply water in the rail. Let it stay up four weeks. Let the blood dry and rub it off, then dock and put in the pulleys five or six days.

No. 45. CURE FOR CHOLIC.—Take two ounces tincture asafoë, two ounces laudanum, and a pint of warm water, and drench. It never fails while there is life.

No. 46. BIG HEAD.—One ounce oil origanum, two ounces sweet oil, two ounces aqua ammonia, two ounces tincture cantharides, two ounces spirits turpentine, and one ounce oil of rosemary. Give one spoonful saltpetre every third day, and rub the mixture twice a day.

No. 47. BOTS.—As much red precipitate as will lay on a ten cent piece, mixed with dough and made into a pill. If one don't relieve, repeat in one hour.

No. 48. GRAVEL.—Steep a half pound of hops in a quart of hot water, give it as hot as the horse can stand it.

No. 49. To remove the scum from the eye in twenty-four hours. Take five cents worth of pulverized lunar caustic, and mix well with one ounce of lard, and it is fit for use.

No. 50. WEAK EYES.—One spoonful honey, two spoonful fresh butter, one spoonful black pepper and the yolk of an egg. Stew it for fifteen minutes over a slow fire and strain through a woolen cloth. Apply in and above the eye.

No. 51. WOUNDS.—One quart of alcohol, one ounce cayenne pepper, one pint spirits turpentine. Shake well and it is fit for use.

No. 52. SCRATCHES.—Two ounces Castile soap, two ounces rosin, one ounce lard, two ounces copperas, and the white of an egg. Stew it for fifteen minutes and it is fit for use. Bind it on the part for twenty-four hours, then wash it well and the cure is performed.

No. 53. SWEATING LINIMENT.—Take the yolks of six dozen eggs and one pint of salt, and heat them together until it forms a paste. Rub the affected parts well with the paste, leaving it on from four to six hours. Wash it off with strong salt and water, as hot as you can put it on. Then blanket it well for ten hours. It cures all sprains.

No. 54. DOPE TO TRADE ON.—One ounce of black antimony mixed with an ounce of cantharides. A small spoonful twice a day will fat a horse in ten days to trade on.

No. 55. To remove callousness by absorption in a shorter time than by liniment. One pint of alcohol, and one ounce of pulverized salammoniac. Bathe the leg every two hours; bind the leg with straw bands from the hoof to the top of the callous. Fill a sponge with the liquid, and place it on for twenty-four hours. For Spavin add to this liquid half an ounce of cantharides.

No. 56. FISTULA AFTER BREAKING.—Take ley from the ashes of small black hickory and the roots of prickly ash, burnt together, boil down to potash. Put a small portion in the hole and let it remain four or five days; remove it and put in about twenty drops of aquafortis.

No. 57. SALVE TO HEAL WOUNDS.—Take a piece of polk root the size of an egg, and two Indian turnips ground fine, and stew one minute with one pound of lard. Put it on every third day.

No. 58. FISTULA AND POLL EVIL BEFORE BREAKING, or matter is formed.—Two ounces oil turpentine, two ounces Venice turpentine, two ounces golden tincture, one ounce oil organum, and half a pint alcohol. Mix well, and apply every twenty-four hours for three times.

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