

TREATMENT FOR CHOKING CATTLE

This accident usually happens from attempting to swallow too large an object, such as a turnip, potato, beet or apple, though in rare cases anything may occur from other food, such as dry bran or chaff or finely ground food lodging in and filling up a portion of the gullet. This latter form is liable to occur to animals that are ground feeders.

The symptoms of this accident will vary somewhat according to the part of the gullet or throat in which the ob-

struction is in the neck portion of the gullet it may be felt as a bump on the left side of the neck. If the object is in the throat it is advisable to give a small portion of oil, wait a few moments and then squeeze the obstacle upward into the mouth or the stomach, so may all his hand and pass it down the throat far enough to grasp the foreign body and withdraw it gradually, not suddenly.

The presence of an obstacle or obstruction in the neck portion of the gullet may be worked forward in the sense "backward" always giving a small dose of oil separately so that the obstacle may be loosened off. If it be of chaff or ground feed, by manipulating the throat where the strangle of such material has accumulated, it will have a tendency to break it up and pass the animal to the hind gullet or the stomach to work it over.

If this does not succeed, a cut is made in the skin between the shoulder blades, where manipulation of the ob-
struction would be impossible. It is advisable to place a gag in the animal's mouth and insert a probing or a half inch rubber hose and by passing this into the gullet and pressing firmly, as there is great danger of rupturing the gullet in this condition, the obstacle may be dislodged or forced into the stomach, and as soon as it is the accumulated gas very rapidly escapes through the nose or pharynx and gives instant relief to the otherwise distressed animal.

After this relief has been given the animal the prodding or hose should be removed gently and the animal given soft mush or grain diet and should not be given any bulky food for at least two or four hours. For the reason that if the gullet is fractured and the

The Hereford breed of beef cattle in the United States is one of the best and healthiest of any breed, says H. O. Chapman in Kansas Farmer. Official reports of government and state associations both in England and the United States show that from 90 to 100 per cent of the other beef breeds respond to the test for tuberculosis. Whereas for the past ten years only 4 per cent of all Herefords tested responded. Hereford cattle are the best grazers. There is no question of Herefords becoming tubercular. For twenty years the breed has been the favorite of the ranchmen of the plains where grass beef was a specialty. In England they were developed for hundreds of years as a grazing breed. There is no breed that will make more beef from grass alone than the Hereford.

struction is located, says Dr. David Roberts in Knobell's Dairy Farmer. In most cases there is a discharge of saliva from the mouth. The animal coughs frequently, and when it drinks the water is forced back into the mouth and dribbles out with the saliva.

The cow usually stops feeding. She has an anxious expression and breathes with difficulty owing to the fact that she begins to bloat, caused by the retention of gas in the stomach.

These symptoms, however, are not always present, for if the obstacle does not completely close the throat, gullet gas or water may pass, preventing any immediate discomfort. If the

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animal has free access to bulky food there is danger of dislodgment of same in the ruptured portion of the gullet, whereas if the animal be given a few days' time for this incarceration or extension to regain its normal condition there is much less danger of bad results following.

Cement Wallow For Hogs.

A cement tank if sunk into the ground and filled with water is just what pigs need during the hot days. If the yard immediately surrounding the tank is made of gravel so that the water may drain away there will be no muddy mudholes.

Why the Hog Roots.

Hogs do not dig in the earth altogether for the fun of it. They do it to eat that way—grasses, roots, etc., bits of stuff of different kinds that help to make bone and muscle.

Yokes in Hogs.

Feed the hogs plenty of ashes, charcoal, sulphur, lime, magnesia and gypsum. These are excellent preventives for intestinal worms, a common source of trouble.

Antiseptic Wash.

The following antiseptic wash is using a raft for drying sows and sucking

pigs that is made up of seventy pounds of cornmeal, ten pounds of middlings, ten pounds of 60 per cent meat meal or tankage, five pounds of bran, two pounds of olive oil, one pound of feeding quality of bone flour, one pound of limestone dust and a pound of salt. These feeds are thoroughly mixed and given in a thick slop, the aim being to feed just enough to enable the sow to produce enough milk for her pigs.

This ration looks like an old fashioned doctor's prescription—a little of everything—but there is a reason for it, says Kansas Farmer. In the first place it has proved to be the best and cheapest combination of feeds for the hog, and in the second place it produces results.

It is well understood that the sow must have flesh and bone forming food or the pigs will not develop properly.

The lime, bone flour and limestone dust are added to supply those elements which are not present in sufficient quantities in the others.

Ventilate Your Barns.

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