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THE HORSEMAN.

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Many of the troubles with both young and old horses may be traced to bad teeth.

The way to increase the appetite of a horse, if such a thing is necessary, is to change his diet frequently.

Study the requirements of each horse as to amount and kinds of feed. The usefulness of a horse depends upon his ability to perform the work required of him.

CARE OF FALL PIGS.

Warm Shelter and Liberal Feed Keep Youngsters Thrifty.

Fall litters require special care and attention. The problem is to keep the pigs growing with the same rapidity and to maintain the same degree of health that is possible with spring pigs. Several things make this especially difficult. The large variety of succulent green foods of summer is not available. Oftentimes during severe winter weather the pigs are confined to such an extent that they do not obtain enough exercise to keep them healthy. Then pigs do not eat readily if exposed to severe cold. Neither do they drink a sufficient amount of water.

It is cold weather that brings the real perplexities. Pigs are not constituted to stand winter weather. Proper winter housing means warmth, ventilation and cleanliness. Throughout the corn belt, which is the great hog raising section of the country, winter conditions must be met. The farm hoghouse will ordinarily be too cold. Yet it can be banked up with straw and thus made comfortable. The big hoghouse has a distinct advantage in that it can be utilized for feeding the pigs within shelter. It is a losing practice to feed the pigs outside during severe weather. They will not eat well, and much feed is required to keep up the body heat, so they make poor gains.

Winter feeding is quite simple, owing to the limited number of feeds available at this season. Naturally corn will furnish the basis of the ration. Alfalfa fed in a rack is proving a boon to corn belt feeders. The pigs take to the alfalfa very readily and eat large quantities of it.

The usual supplement of shorts, tankage or skim milk will furnish the necessary proteins if alfalfa is not available.

Exercise is not to be neglected, yet it is better to have the pigs remain in

side a comfortable shed rather than expose them to severe cold. In fair weather they will get out and hustle about the pasture or lot if they are given opportunity. In the sleeping quarters cleanliness must be maintained. A liberal supply of fresh bedding is needed to make the pig comfortable. Ordinary farm straw and shredded corn fodder no doubt are the most satisfactory materials to use for that purpose.

The watering of the pigs deserves far more attention than it ordinarily receives. It has been proved beyond doubt that pigs that drink an insufficient amount of water assimilate their food poorly and make but light returns in gain for the amount of feed consumed. It is safe to say that pigs will not consume as much water as they should have when it is necessary for them to go out into the cold and drink water from a trough that is coated with ice. If fresh water can be furnished inside the shed, where it can be obtained at all times and at moderate temperature, the returns will many times pay for the trouble.

A Tribute to Butter.

Many years ago, when Senator Ingalls was in the senate, oleomargarine was the bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

Wrong Prescription.

"I can't fill this," said the druggist. "Don't you carry ordinary ingredients to stock?" "I carry everything usually carried by a first class pharmacy, but this piece of paper calls for a gold watch." —Pittsburgh Post.

The Very Least.

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