

THE EPIZOOTIC AND HOW TO TREAT IT.

The Canadian horse disease first showed itself here to any extent on Friday last. It soon attacked nearly every animal in the livery and horse car stables, and yesterday we were assured that over five hundred animals were suffering from it. One veterinary surgeon alone is treating seventy cases.

The disease has prevailed in the Dominion for some time past. According to the Buffalo papers it was brought across the Niagara River by the horses of a gentleman who drove over to Queenstown to attend a reception given by the Governor General. Soon after his return one of his horses was attacked by the epidemic, which in a day or two affected his whole stud. The disease has spread so generally since, that from one-third to one-half of all the horses in Buffalo have suffered from it. We see from the Lockport Journal that the disease has within a day or two become prevalent there.

We add a communication from a well known and successful veterinary surgeon of this city, upon the nature and symptoms of the disease, together with recommendations in regard to its treatment:—

In accordance with a request I give you some of the symptoms which characterize the epizootic that has just made its appearance and is vigorously at work victimizing the horses of this city, with some suggestions in regard to the proper care and treatment of the disease during its course.

I think it cannot be properly regarded as a new disease. It is clearly a form of influenza that has occurred frequently in the United States, as it often has in different portions of Europe. Three forms of influenza are spoken of by veterinary authors: The catarrhal, rheumatic and the gastro-erysipelatous form.

TREATMENT.

The patient should be excused from all labor and allowed complete rest. The stables should be cleanly and well ventilated. Disinfectants may be useful, and in some stables necessary. Any of the following will answer:—Carbolic acid, sulphate of iron or bromo-chloralum. The patient should be properly groomed, and the nose and eyes frequently sponged with water, and the limbs, if cold, bandaged. The drink should have the chill slightly removed, but not enough to make it warm and unpalatable. The diet should be light and of a laxative nature; say spout feed or bran, wetted or scalded, with a little salt added. Hay in limited quantities may be allowed.

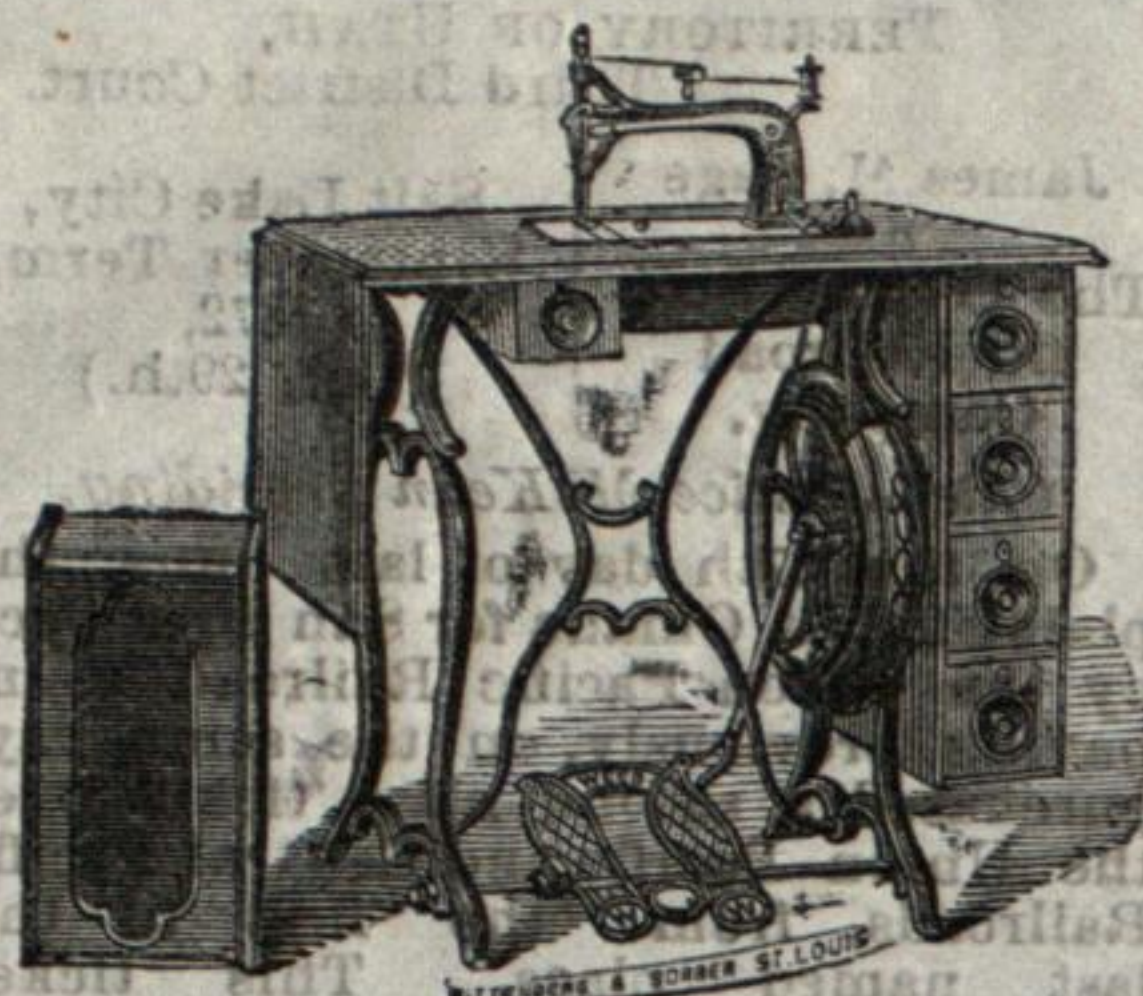
In regard to remedies I wish to say that heroic treatment should not be tolerated. Blood-letting, cathartic nauseants and arterial sedatives are all of them either injurious or uncalled for. Next, whatever medicines are administered should not be given in the form of draughts or drenches, as the animal is sure to be thrown into a paroxysm of coughing the moment a drench is attempted, and some of the medicine will, in such event, be almost sure to find its way into the windpipe and bronchial tubes, thus inducing fatal bronchitis or pneumonia. Balls should not be given as they will be coughed back or out, and the irritability of the throat will be increased in attempting to pass them over with the hand or fingers. Powders are well nigh useless, as when mixed with the food the patient will usually refuse both food and powders. Electuaries, syrups or pastes are the only forms in which medicines may be safely and successfully administered in cases where the throat is tender and irritable and coughing easily induced.

Saline medicines I regard as the most useful in this disease. Any of the following will answer:—chlorate of potash, muriate of ammonia or hyposulphate of soda. As an anodyne to relieve the cough, fluid extract of belladonna may be added. The proper dose of either of these medicines may be rubbed up with two or three ounces of honey or molasses, and these poured in the mouth from a small bottle or placed on the tongue with a spoon. Given in this way the medicines will be readily lapped up and easily swallowed. But little trouble is required to give it, and no danger of getting any medicine in the trachea will be incurred by this method. About the throat and over the windpipe a sharp, stimulating liniment should be well rubbed in. In cases that prove severe or are complicated with other and more serious diseases a competent veterinarian should be employed.

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