MILK-FEVER WITH A DEAD FŒTUS IN THE UTERUS.

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ON Sunday, 3rd June, I was asked to visit a cow which was down and unable to rise. On my arrival I found the animal to be a small Jersey cow. She had gone down in the night, and when first seen in the morning was flat on her side and very tympanitic. She was lying in the same position when I saw her. She was not due to calve for six weeks, but although still in milk her udder had been noticed to be increasing in volume for a day or two previously. Beyond that she showed no signs of calving. Vaginal examination revealed the os closed, the hand being with difficulty introduced into the vagina.

The symptoms of milk-fever being well marked, I injected the udder with a mixture of potassium iodide and chinosol, and gave internally a good dose of Messrs Hewlett's "Parophyroxia." The power of swallowing being almost gone, I chose this as it makes a small draught. After seeing to her comfort, I left her well packed up with sacks of straw. In about eight hours I saw her again, and she could carry her head a little and could also see a little. I turned her over and left her for the night with two attendants. Next morning she carried her head and could see well, and had been scrambling about; medicine operating. In the afternoon she got up, walked about fairly well, and ate a little; the os was still closed. On the 5th she was quite well, but the womb still firmly closed. I could not by manipulating the womb feel any hard substance, although it seemed to contain rather a large quantity of fluid. On Friday, the 8th, happening to pass that way, I looked in to see her. There was a little discharge from the vulva, and I could just introduce my hand into the womb. I ruptured the membranes, and gallons of fluid containing decomposing placenta, hoofs, etc., came away. I could now seize the calf, and pulled it away in bits. After washing the womb out with chinosol and water I removed the cow to a clean box (the stench being fearful), and she has never seemed anything the worse.

REPEATED ATTACKS OF COLIC FROM INTESTINAL CALCULI.

By the Same.

THE case on which the following notes are made first came under my attention some four or five years ago. The animal was a large harness gelding, belonged to a miller, and the first time I attended him he was showing colicky symptoms, though not severe. These pains continued for four days, during which time there was nothing passed per rectum. At the end of that time the bowels commenced acting, the appetite improved, and he seemed all right for a month or two afterwards. These attacks came on at longer or shorter intervals, and left no doubt in my mind that he was suffering from calculus.