YOUR MEDICINE CHEST FOR YOUR LIVESTOCK.

A medicine chest for your livestock, and some knowledge of how to use it, may save you some veterinary bills, and perhaps the life of some of your animals. Here are some hints you may be able to use:

Label all medicine and keep poisons locked up so the children will not get hold of them. I find it a good idea to destroy drugs I find unlabeled. Often dope might look like something else, and if used instead of a remedy it may cause more trouble.

Keep all medicines in the chest. Powders should be kept in air-tight containers, for they lose their strength when exposed very long to air. I find sterilized fruit jars will do nicely. When you buy drugs always insist upon fresh stock. Stuff on shelves for a long time may lose its strength, and thus be useless.

Especially if you have a large amount of stock, you will want for compounding drugs a large smooth table or counter with drawers. One of the drawers may be divided into compartments for bottle corks, tip boxes of different size for ointments, and some tin or cardboard boxes for powders to be dispensed in teaspoonful or tablespoonful doses in the stable.

Here too may be kept labels for the boxes, a graduate for the measuring of liquids, a glass funnel or two, and some squares of paper for the wrapping of separate dose powders. In another drawer or compartment should be kept an assortment of clean bottles, a fair number of smaller and larger ones, some corked pint and quart bottles for mixtures. On the table should be kept scales and weights, a mortar and pestle for the pulverizing and mixing of drugs, a large slab of [illegible] slate, and a flexible spatula for the mixing of ointments. In a cupboard in the stable should be kept a hood and scoop for the drenching of horses, a [illegible] for the application of the [illegible] stamp [illegible] number [illegible] attached [illegible] a hot [illegible] and scoop [illegible]