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Congenital Contracted Deep Flexor Tendon.

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calf, in normal position and presentation, offered no complication to delivery other than size. Cephalotomy had been previously performed in an attempt to deliver the calf. A subcutaneous amputation of the left foreleg of the fetus was accomplished with the aid of a hook castrating knife. Forced extraction was then employed until the fetal pelvis engaged the maternal pelvic inlet. Evisceration of the fetus, followed by splitting the fetal pelvis with the fetotome, permitted delivery. The fetal membranes were expelled a short time later.

Sulfanilamide, 500 gr. initial dose, followed by 250 gr. doses morning, noon, and night was given orally for five days.

Twelve Gm. of powdered tartar emetic, gentian and nux vomica, equal parts, was given per os each day for 18 consecutive days.

The pulse, respiration and temperature remained within normal ranges during clinical confinement.

Efforts were made to get the heifer to stand after the embryotomy but the left hind leg went into extreme abduction when she attempted to support her weight. A diagnosis of unilateral obturator paralysis was made. The animal was placed in a well bedded stall and rolled over several times a day. On the sixth day she was assisted to her feet and was able to stand just for a few seconds. Each succeeding day she was helped to her feet and assisted in balancing herself for 15 minutes. On the morning of the eighteenth day she was standing in her stall eating hay. The heifer was well on the road to recovery when she was discharged on Feb. 6, 1950.

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Congenital Contracted Deep Flexor Tendon. A Tennessee Walking Horse colt one year of age was presented for treatment with a history of lameness on the left front foot. On examination the fetlock joint was found to be held permanently flexed, and a diagnosis of contracted deep flexor tendon was made. It was decided that a tenotomy be performed.

The operative site was clipped and a 1-1000 mercuric bichloride pack was applied for preoperative antisepsis. On Feb. 8, 1950, the patient was restrained on the operating table where the operative site was shaved and the
skin swabbed with 50 per cent isopropyl alcohol. Anesthesia was provided by infiltration with 10 cc. of two per cent solution of procaine hydrochloride. An incision two cm. in length was made through the skin on the lateral side of the metacarpal region between the lower limit of the carpal sheath and the upper limit of the digital sheath. A tenotomy was introduced into the incision and the deep digital flexor was cut approximately halfway through. The wound was sprinkled with sulfanilamide powder, closed with a single silk suture, and bandaged. Fifteen hundred units of tetanus antitoxin were administered subcutaneously.

A special shoe was placed on the hoof to provide extension and to prevent walking on the toe. This shoe projected two in. beyond the anterior edge of the hoof and curved back against the anterior wall of the hoof.

For the following five days equal parts of powdered boric acid and air slaked lime were applied and the wound bandaged. The wound was left uncovered after the fifth day as healing had progressed satisfactorily.

Each day for 10 minutes the fetlock joint was extended by placing the loop of a twitch just above the hoof, and placing the handle flat against the sole to provide a lever for forced extension. Daily walking of the patient about the clinic forced it to place weight on the affected limb thus providing for prolonged extension.

The patient was discharged on Feb. 20, 1950, with advice to the owner that the heel be kept trimmed down. Recent communication from the owner indicated that progress is satisfactory.

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A Case of Clinical Listerellosis.
A Brown Swiss cow from a local herd of 60 head was admitted to Stange Memorial clinic on Feb. 5, 1950, with a history of being off feed, circling to the right and with being a possible rabies suspect. Another animal in the herd had died previously with similar symptoms.

A thorough examination was made revealing the right side of the face to be partially paralyzed, the right ear to be drooping, and when in motion she circled to the right and could not be reversed. The temperature, pulse and respiration were normal. A sample of urine was taken and a test for acetonemia was made and was found to be negative. A blood sample was drawn and the blood picture was as follows:

- Hemoglobin .... 69 per cent or 8.30 Gm.
- Red blood cells ....... 7,960,000 per cmm.
- White blood cells .. 6,800 per cmm.
- Eosinophils .......... 200
- Stab cells .......... 1,800
- Segments cells .. 300
- Monocytes ........... 200
- Lymphocytes ..... 4,300

On Feb. 16, 1950, a clinical diagnosis of listerellosis was made. Five gm. of a special preparation* of aureomycin hydrochloride with sodium glycinate in 250 cc. of sterile water were given intravenously in the right jugular vein. The same dose was repeated on Feb. 17. On Feb. 18 it was reduced to 2.5 Gm. of aureomycin hydrochloride with sodium glycinate in 125 cc. of sterile water.

The following day the cow would move in either direction, but preferred to move to the right.

During the remainder of the time the cow was in the clinic, she showed definite signs of improvement. At the time of discharge the right ear drooped but a fraction of what it did when she was admitted, the right side of the face had nearly returned to normal and she moved quite freely in either direction. Her appetite had also returned to normal. She was discharged March 3, 1950.

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