KORT AANTEKENING OP DIE GEBRUIK VAN PENICILLIN BY STREPTOKOKKUS-BESMETTING BY 'N HOND.

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'n Doberman is ingebring met 'n temperatuur van 103, kwyl het in stringe by die bek uitgeloop, die kondisie was in die algemeen swak. Op inspeksie het die bek 'n gingivitis gewys, en agter op die farinks en mangels was swere waaruit bloed gesyfer het. Geen tekens van uremie was in die asem te ruik nie. 'n Smeer van die slym agter in die keel is ondersoek en streptokokkus was oorwegend. Penicillin-behandeling is begin, 100,000 eenhede is intramuskuler ingespuis as volg: 30,000 eenhede as begin en vier uur later 20,000 eenhede, daarna elke vier uur 10,000 eenhede. Na die derde inspuiting was die temperatuur af na 100.2. Die volgende dag was geen kwyl teenwoordig nie, en die hond het vir die eerste keer na vier dae kon sluk. Hy is 'n verdere drie dae onder observasie gehou en toe huis-toe gestuur.

A REMARKABLE FOETAL POSITION IN A COW.

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The author was summoned one night to attend a case of dystokia in a cow. The client stated that he had been away from home for a few days and that he had been informed by the natives on arrival the same evening of the condition of the cow, which had been in labour for approximately three days.

The patient was a multiparous cross-bred Afrikaner cow, about 8-9 years of age and in good condition. Four previous pregnancies had terminated normally. During the general examination particular care was taken to ascertain whether there had been any lay interference, but this could definitely be excluded. As it was immediately evident that the foetus was emphysematous, 7 cc. 2% planocain solution was injected intrathecally in anticipation of a prolonged delivery.

Vaginal exploration revealed four feet, which belonged to the same foetus. With further investigation it was discovered that the foetus itself was normal in conformation, but was lying with its head on the abdominal floor and had its sacrum in contact with the maternal sacrum — therefore abdominal presentation, sacro-sacral position.

As the cow remained standing throughout the operation, matters were greatly facilitated. The hindlegs were secured with cords and
the fore limbs repelled. In spite of the bloated, decomposed state of
the foetus, delivery was fairly easy as the calf was small and the
maternal pelvis roomy. Appropriate treatment was given after the
birth, and, contrary to the usual experience in this condition, the cow
made an uninterrupted recovery, proving it by bringing a healthy heifer
into the world a year afterwards.

This case is recorded as inquiries from colleagues or into the
literature failed to reveal a similar experience. No comment can be
offered as to the cause of this most unusual foetal position.

OBITUARY.

CECIL MOLESWORTH SHARPE.

Cecil Sharpe passed away suddenly at his home in Pietermaritzburg
on 24th December, 1945, and was buried on the morning of Christmas Day.
He graduated at the Royal Veterinary College, London, on 13th July,
1899, and had as college friends with him there Amos and Woollatt.

Mr. Sharpe came to South Africa as a lieutenant during the Boer
War in the old Army Veterinary Department. He served until the termina-
tion of hostilities, and then resigned his commission to join the Civil
Veterinary Department of Natal, working as a District Veterinary
Officer until 1907, when he set up in private practice in Pietermaritzburg.

"Pop" Sharpe was a great sportsman from his school and college
days, and I can still remember the look of pride on his face when he
produced two Middelsex rugby caps with the dates 1896 and 1897.
He smiled when I told him 1897 was the year I was born. He was a
good shot, rowed well, played a good game of squash and was one of
nature's gentlemen.

He served as a Veterinary Officer through several native rebellions
in Natal, and saw service in South West Africa and East Africa during
the 1914-1918 campaign, ending up as a Lieut.-Colonel of the South
African Veterinary Corps (R. of O.).

During this war his Thursday night club will be well remembered
by many overseas army and naval officers, whom he loved to entertain.

His health began to fail about two years ago, and if it had not been
for his strength he would have died much sooner.

He leaves a wife and two daughters by a previous marriage.

With his passing the veterinary profession has lost a lovable character,
who always endeared himself to those who knew him. We are the
poorer. Vale.