

versity Diagnostic Laboratory is now preparing to run this test on human blood samples. "Diseases of Poultry" by Biester and Schwarte, contains a chapter on psittacosis by Dr. K. F. Meyers. His discussion is considered a classic. He states that psittacosis cannot be diagnosed by physical appearance. A test for birds, except on a large flock basis, has so far not been satisfactory. I recently recommended the destruction of all birds in two eastern aviaries from which birds had been purchased with resulting verified human infection.

Remember, that except for Meyer's work, very little worthwhile research has been done on the diseases of parakeets. The future will bring to light many conditions just as it has in other birds and animals after long years of study.

Compresses of benadryl, 2 percent solution in sterile water, employed in therapy of 60 cases of burns and scalds resulted in earlier relief of pain, rapid diminution in intensity of erythema, and less frequent appearance of blistering. The best results were observed in patients treated within the first four hours. An impressive lack of secondary infection was noted. Brit. M. J.

In the breeding season of wild ducks, Mallard drakes fight in the air for a female's favor. Among the dignified Canvasbacks, however, the competing males stage a chest-to-chest pushing contest. When one begins to slip backward, his contest is lost, and he must turn and dive before his opponent seizes him by the back of the neck.

Though largely confined to grade herds, artificial insemination of purebred dairy cattle is increasing. The Milking Shorthorn Journal reports that 17% of all registrations of the six dairy breeds, including Milking Shorthorns, were animals resulting from artificial insemination.

NEW BOOKS

TRATADO DE LAS ENFERMERADES DEL PIE DEL CABALLO

By Doctor Antonio Pires

Professor of Veterinary Surgery and Diseases of the Foot

National University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

This is a book on diseases of the foot of the horse, written in Spanish. Although the text is in a foreign language, enough of the legends under the illustrations are in terms common to science in all languages, so that comprehension of their meaning is easy.

The illustrations are from photographs and original drawings, and are numerous and remarkable for their clarity. Very few books are as well illustrated as this one. Doctor Pires has spent a long time in study and research in this field and his book is a Classic. Anyone interested in the foot of the horse in any way could well afford to purchase a copy. One can be obtained from any seller of veterinary books.

Dr. George R. Fowler

FITTING AND SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE

By Jack Spearing

This book is a suitable reference for any person who is interested in the preparation of dairy animals for the show ring or who is often called upon to offer advice to beginners in the fitting of such animals. It is an especially valuable guide for beginning 4-H club boys and should be recommended to them.

The book is arranged in ten sections; (1) Selection of the Show Herd, (2) Steps in Fitting, (3) Feeding, (4) Foot Trimming, (5) Clipping, (6) Horn Training and Polishing, (7) Going to the Fair, (8) The Day Before the Show, (9) Showing in the Ring, (10) Care of Cow and Calf.

The book is well illustrated and written in a manner that makes it easy to understand.

Fitting and Showing Dairy Cattle. 97 pages. by Jack Spearing, Iowa State College Press, Press Building, Ames, Iowa. 1952. Price \$1:50.