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TREATMENT

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

The First Edition of "Diseases of the Horse," published in 1893, has for some time been out of print.

Since the lamented death of Mr. Hutcheon repeated inquiries have been made for copies of his book, consequently it was deemed necessary to issue a second edition.

During the sixteen years that have elapsed since the former edition was issued to the public, our knowledge with regard to the causation and methods of dealing with certain diseases has materially increased, especially is this true of those included under the heading of "Special or Specific Diseases." This portion of the book has been partly re-written, the newly introduced matter being in terms as free from technicalities as possible. Elsewhere in the book also a number of alterations have been made, but although the subject matter throughout has been brought up-to-date, no radical changes have been made in the general principles formerly enunciated by the Author.

It is hoped that the book may continue to serve as a handy guide to those for whom it was originally written.

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AUTHOR'S PREFATORY REMARKS.

The present handbook on the common diseases and injuries of the horse was primarily undertaken at the urgent request of Lieutenant-Colonel Grant and Lieutenant-Colonel Homan-folliott, and has been hurriedly produced during my spare time, within the last three months.

The object aimed at has been to give a brief but plain description of the diseases and injuries of the horse, their known causes, most prominent symptoms, and the generally approved methods of treatment; written in language as free from technicalities as the subject would admit of in my hands.

It is unnecessary to state that the book is very incomplete, both in its compass, and in the description of what it professes to embrace, because it bears internal evidence of its immature birth; I fain would hope, however, that, incomplete as it is, the officers of the Cape Mounted Rifles, and of the Cape Police, as well as the owners of horses generally throughout the Colony, will derive some assistance from a reference to its pages, when they, from necessity, have to be their own veterinary surgeon.

The limited time at my disposal, as well as the fact that a great portion of the book has been written during my absence from my headquarters, has prevented me from studying a wide range of veterinary literature in its preparation; but I readily acknowledge my indebtedness to the following works, which I have made free use of, viz.:—The Principles and Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery by Professor Williams, Principal of the New Veterinary College, Edinburgh, the special Report on Diseases of the Horse by different authors, prepared under the direction of Dr. D. E. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, United States, and the Farmer's Veterinary Adviser by Professor James Law of Cornell University, United States; and I desire to express my sincere thanks to these distinguished authors for the information gained, and the pleasure derived from a close perusal of their standard works.

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