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Leg.

of Topeka, Kas.,
ble experience in
of 1872 a disease
attle which was
Young cattle
I knew anything
alarmed for the
knew not what
the case when a
among our fellow-
the bovine race,
ere named, tried
me was thorough
a slit through
part, loosen the
these were tried,
blowed. Perhaps
to state how
Those that I
ere lame in the
and very reluct-
ing much like a
cutting into the
blood was found
sted, the cattle
could hardly be
losing several
ings I found two
disease and with
iving them with
yard. One was
could get along
ther was so stiff
difficulty that
oods to the barn

ly used, which
require all the
mass drug store
ance barbedoes,
to a pill by the
then rolled in
with the fingers
the animal's
out on one side,
ers and put as
as you can,
oom the animal
down goes the
Out of the animal
less lame calf,
a pill a day for
a gradually im-
discharged cured.
I kept some
to the spring one of
was found lying
in the morning and
aply to the animal
The legs
extended at about right angles to
only grew worse until noon
I administered about a two-ounce
which seemed to check the working
virus in the animal and it gradu-
but very slowly, gained, and after
days could get along among the
cattle, and appeared to be doing
as well as the other cattle or other
ings, until about June, when it lost
the use of its legs and could not
walk. I had known
when first discovered
the remedy, I
feeling could have
no disease among
these and I think it
about them. I keep
able at all times
the latter part of
ing. I mix some
a small quan-
tities of the dis-
cattle.

ack Leg.
the Homestead
from Mr. Parker
as we have had
with the disease I
report. The first
and as all au-
cessary to bury
ly we did so.
we inserted se-
all our calves.
The next win-
in appearance
in we resorted
and the disease
think, in most
about by the
light to a ple-
dies, such as
because it
the system
feed or this
ever know of
while losing
st conclusion,
the use feed-
set, then set-
to make him
when all that
the calf to
in poor from
and save the
would be a very unpleasant road
house, we kept on feeding
year after year, and, as we did
our life, we would take a knife
every calf that died of bla-
found the manufol

filled with a hard mass of food dry
enough to buy. Now we conclude this
is the origin of the disease. The calf's
bowels are clogged. Then the super-
abundance of blood is clogged in its nat-
ural course through the veins, and the
ruptures ensue and the nearer these rup-
tures to the heart the sooner the calf will
die. Believing this we conclude the
calf's bowels must be kept loose; so two
years ago we started into winter with a
good supply of oil meal and watched the
droppings and when we thought they
were getting too dry, we would let them
have the oil meal and out of fifty-four
head only lost one calf. Last winter we
were going along nicely with forty-five
calves, feeding shelled corn with nice,
bright clover hay, until the clover hay
was not so convenient and we gave a few
feeds of two-year-old, headed, timothy
hay. The droppings became hard and
calves began to die. We immediately
took the corn away and fed a few feeds
of oil meal and bran with clover hay and
lost no more calves. This year our pre-
ventive has been plenty of clover hay,
shelled corn, salt, water and exercise and
we have lost only one calf. With plenty
of good clover hay, salt and water at all
times one can feed all the shelled corn he
likes with but little danger of black leg.
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"hole in a sack," but the same environ-
ment that brings it to one will bring it
to another.
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