

What follows is a transcription of a handwritten exam or notes by an anonymous individual studying to become an Inspector of Nuisances in London, England circa 1897. Written in pen-and-ink on a folded sheet of heavy lined paper, without watermark, measuring 16x13in, this set appears to concern the inspection of livestock and meat, as well as sanitation concerns.

Inasmuch as the peculiarities of handwriting allow, what follows is a complete and accurate transcription, preserving the idiosyncratic spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the original. The only exception is the rendering of various hurried squiggles as ampersands where the intent of the original marks seem clear. Instances of underlined and struck-thru text are reproduced from the original. Enjoy. As with this preface, editorial marks throughout are italicized.

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Question 1 State the disease [sic] in cattle that are dangerous to the health of Human beings.

They are Pleuro-Pneumonia, Anthrax, Tu~~r~~berculosis [sic] Foot & Mouth-disease, Liver Flukes, Sheep Pox, Cow Pox, Triconosis.

2 What disease can be concealed by stripping the membrane of chest& rubbing fat in

Tu~~r~~berculosis [sic] can be concealed in that way.

3 In what form does Anthrax show itself in the flesh

Anthrax appears as large boils – liver is enlarged lungs inflames. Most characteristic sign is the enlargement of Keshlain [sic].

4 How can you detect Tuberculosis

Tumors grow on the walls of the chest & on the surface of the lungs.may be either local or general, & when only part of longs are affected the meat may be passed but when the disease is general it should be condemned

5 What disease is it that effects [sic] the milk of a cow most

Cow Pox effects [sic] milk most as it is capable of conveying Scarlet Fever.

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Question 1 Explain the advantages & disadvantages of the different material of which water cisterns are made How should overflows be arranged. How should water closets be supplied with water.

Galvanised Iron is the best for a tank, slate is very liable to leak at the joints & lead tanks polute *[sic]* the water by the metallic nature of them. Overflows should not be supplied direct from the tank but from a waste preventer

2 – Describe a disinfecting chamber it's action & for what objects in what manner you would use it. What is the best method of disinfecting flannel & linen.

Moist heat is better than dry as it penetrates further into them. The disinfecting chamber is a large iron cylinder and heat is applied to it sufficient to disinfect the articles 212-F is the height *[sic]* to which it should be applied. This is used where the articles cannot be disinfected on the premises the best method of disinfecting linen & flannel is by 1 corrosive sublimate.

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Describe the relative advantages of the waterclosets and of the pail system for the removal of excretra. Water system is much cleaner and is carried away quickly with the flush of water. The pail system were *[sic]* used should be kept clean and plenty of mould thrown in every time it is used. And in case of a town would want patent air tight lids for removal.

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Give dimensions of a sleeping room which you would consider suitable for six adults & state your reasons Explain how it should be ventilated

- 4 Room – 20^{ft} x 10^{ft} x 12 high as each person wants over 300 cubic feet and should advice [*sic*] it being ventilated by means of ventitating boxes placed near ceiling so as to have direct du current of air through the room.

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