The Heritage of American Veterinary Medicine is Being Lost

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Types of veterinary material that have not been actively collected:

- Publications of defunct veterinary schools
- Defunct veterinary associations
- Veterinary instrument & supply catalogs
- House organs
- Patent medicine catalogs
- Journal advertising
- Current institutional ephemera
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Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) which granted degrees to 4 persons between 1871 and 1885.
ND = not determined

Sources:

Holdings of 41 Former Veterinary Schools

- 18 schools (44%) have no holdings
- 67 different items identified for remaining 23 schools
- 42 (62.9%) of those items owned by only 1 library
- Of those owned by only 1 library – 7 are in veterinary libraries; 4 in NAL; 5 in NLM; 3 in LC & 23 in historical societies, state & academic libraries
- Scattered nature presents challenge to access & preserve
The Grand Rapids Veterinary College

Sessions of 1913
The Tonic 1920
Dear Sir:

As we have received many letters requesting us not to make the course at this school a three year one this year, we have decided to allow students to enter this fall for the REGULAR TWO YEAR COURSE.

We have in addition to the regular curriculum, an optional three year course, the graduates of which are eligible to positions with the United States Government service as Meat Inspectors.

REMEMBER that these courses in no way conflict with each other, as you matriculate for the one which you choose to take.

REMEMBER that there is very little prospect of this chance being open to you after this fall, so you had better make up your mind to get to school this term if you want to secure the advantage of the two-year course. If you desire any information will be glad to send you our large catalog. Hoping to see you with us this term, I am,

Respectfully,

J. H. Wattles
Defunct Veterinary Associations/Societies (national, state, local)

- No list of past associations/societies exists
- A quick survey in American Veterinary Review (1885-1900) yielded 19 defunct associations
- What has happened to their archives?
- Need to take proactive role in collecting such records
- Example is Special Collections Unit at Iowa State University Library
  www.lib.iastate.edu/spcl/collections/VM.html
April: 1910

MISSOURI VALLEY VETERINARY BULLETIN

Official Journal of the Missouri Valley Veterinary Association

Address all communications concerning the Bulletin to
D. M. Campbell, City Building, Topeka, Kansas
Veterinary Instrument/Supply Catalogs

- Found only 77 extant catalogs dating from 1881-2004
- 64 were different & only 9 held by more than 1 library
- 57.4% were held by veterinary libraries
- 1 veterinary library held 22 catalogs
- Many catalogs went thru multiple editions, but several of the editions were not held
- Present day catalogs should be kept, i.e. Henry Schein Inc.
House Organs

- A periodical issued by a business or other establishment for its employees, customers, and other interested readers
The veterinary surgeon of the future

The West European animal husbandry industry is experiencing a period of very marked development. The number of holdings with cattle, pigs, and poultry is decreasing while the number of animals per holding per man employed and per hectare is increasing.

This development has been made possible by extensive mechanization which, of course, has reduced the amount of physical labour required, but has demanded enormous capital investments on the part of livestock farmers. These factors have led to marked changes in the industry which, themselves, have generated a number of specific problems. These problems can be attributed largely to shortcomings in management. Such shortcomings include technical failings with respect to animal health care and welfare as well as problems associated with production. It is clear that the optimum conditions and consequently their full production potential cannot be realized. This is why we believe that in the future the veterinary surgeon will have to direct his attention as much towards the healthy animal as to the sick one. This implies that veterinary training should be expanded to take in the whole herd and certain aspects of management. Thus the veterinary and zootechnical aspects of the herd and of a number of aspects of farm management should be given as much attention as the clinical diagnosis of the individual animal. The veterinary surgeon should be capable of detecting the signs of production problems at an early stage from an examination of the herd and/or of key production records.

Working either independently or in conjunction with colleagues, he should be capable of analyzing the problems, finding a solution.
Patent Medicine Books/Catalogs

- Popular from ca 1860-1920
- Pure Food & Drug Act of 1906
- Examined holdings for 60 veterinary patent medicine companies
- 19 of the 60 companies not found
- 316 unique items with 887 holdings for the other 41 companies
- Veterinary libraries held 195 (61.75%) and 183 (57.9%) held by only 1 library
- The 1 holding library frequently was a local or state historical society
- These books generally printed on cheap, highly acidic paper
- Many are in the hands of private collectors
- Need to make an effort to locate, deacidify and digitize
CLARK STANLEY

SNAKE OIL LINIMENT

DOES what other liniments are advertised to do, in relieving pain, reducing swelling and inflammation. It softens contracted cords, oils dry joints, takes the soreness from a bruise and kills the throbbing pains in felons. Without question it is universal.

Clark Stanley's is the best remedy for the above all-proven by over-so conclusive as to place it at the front. Snake Oil Liniment is well known by Ranchers, Horse Trainers and Stablemen, for the injuries of horses; also for the maladies of cattle.

One thing to be remembered—if bitten by an animal, insect or reptile, Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Liniment should be applied as soon as possible. It kills the poison, relieves the pain, reduces the swelling and heals the wound.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS

PRICE - 50 CENTS

Families who aim to keep some reliable medicines in their houses for use in cases of ailments or accidents, such as toothache, an ague, a pain in the side of stomach, come back, droplike, fever, ills, etc., etc., etc., are advised to have Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Liniment to be reliable and we believe unqualified for the purpose for which it is intended.
WHAT THE VETERINARY PROFESSION MEANS TO MANKIND

From Hayfield to Hospital

To the average person and—not so long ago—even to the physician, there would seem to be no connection between the sickening of cattle after eating improperly cured sweet clover hay and the saving of human lives threatened by blood clots in the veins—a condition known as embolism or thrombosis.

Yet, when veterinarians learned that the serious aspect of sweet clover poisoning in cattle is a thinning of the blood caused by the chemical known as dicoumarin, which forms in spoiled sweet clover hay, they suggested that perhaps this substance might be used to thin down those internal blood clots so dangerous to human life. Physicians took up the idea, found that it worked and have succeeded in saving many a person who might otherwise have died.

Formerly six percent of all post-operative deaths were due to embolism. From this fact may be realized the importance of this veterinary contribution to human medicine.

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WHAT THE VETERINARY PROFESSION MEANS TO MANKIND

Facing Increased Dangers

Before World War II made globe-girdling by air transports a commonplace, veterinarians prevented animal scourges, common in other continents, from gaining a foothold in America—primarily through systematic inspection of every ship landing at our docks.

Now, with constantly arriving trans-oceanic planes, veterinarians must add to former precautions the acquisition of an intimate knowledge of the enzootic diseases of every continent—in order to recognize and report these, no matter where they may occur. For even a single insect, surviving a speedy trip through the clouds by plane, may carry new and devastating diseases to America’s domestic animals.

These are added reasons why each community should support its local veterinarians as to insure that they will always be at hand to safeguard the public against the chance introduction of some foreign scourge which, unless detected early, might wipe out its entire animal population.

One of a series of advertisements on behalf of the Veterinary Profession published by

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Historical Value of the Material

- Early college catalogs frequently contained photographs & history of the school as well as graduation lists.
- An author of a book on the history of a state veterinary association spoke of the lack of primary source material because association archives weren’t retained.
- Early journal literature & college catalogs invaluable for genealogy.
- Do not weed early editions of textbooks.
Hobday’s Thermometer
What is Being Saved at Your Institution?

University of Missouri-Columbia
College of Veterinary Medicine

INFORMATION FOR:
- Prospective Students
- Current Students
- Alumni & Friends
- Faculty & Staff
- Veterinarians

About the College
Departments
Teaching & Research
Giving to Vet Med
Teaching Hospital
Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (VMDL)
Research Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (RADIL)
Zalk Veterinary Medical Library
CVM Course Materials
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Spend the Day at MU's College of Veterinary Medicine Open House 2008

On Saturday, April 19, the CVM will host the 2008 Open House to give the public and aspiring veterinarians the opportunity to see one of the state’s most advanced veterinary facilities.

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BIOMED - Biomedicine Science Courses For Undergraduates
Conclusions and Solutions

- Much has been lost
- Be ever vigilant in collecting & preserving the output of your institution
- Be ever vigilant in collecting & preserving the early veterinary literature
- Seek out hidden collections & private collectors
- There is a need to build a database of what exists & to digitize it
- Veterinary Archival & Grey Literature Steering Group (V-Ags) organized in 2007
  - Goal is to identify, collect & preserve the archival & grey literature of veterinary medicine
  - Contact V-Ags for advice and/or before weeding