NEW BOOK ON IRISH VETERINARY SURGEONS

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_Five Irishmen, Five Brothers, Five Veterinary Surgeons_ is the story of the five Going brothers (James, William, John, Samuel, and Frederick), all born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in the mid-1800s, the sons of a medical doctor. The author, Dr. John Going, is a retired chemist and the great grandson of William.

The book follows the historic and intriguing careers of each of these veterinary surgeons from earning their veterinary degrees through their professional activities in Ireland, England, India, and the United States. Only one of the four, James, established a practice, first in upstate New York and then New York City; he also developed and marketed a wide line of veterinary medicines. Frederick went to India with the Royal Horse Artillery, while the other three brothers joined the US Cavalry as civilian employees. Between 1875 and 1900, they were associated with the 1st, 3rd, 7th, and 8th regiments, engaged in conflicts with American Indians. All actively supported efforts to elevate the position of veterinarians in the Army to that of commissioned officer. Among the many notable accomplishments of these three veterinary brothers in the US Army, Samuel was responsible for eradicating a serious outbreak of glanders, a highly infectious and life-threatening disease of horses.

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John B.Going, of New York, N.Y., assignor to himself and James A. Going, of same place, and William S. Hitch, of Laurel, Del.

Improvement in horseshoes.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of S. G. Going, asking that the veterinary surgeons be placed on the same footing as Army surgeons, respectfully report:

Spirit of Times


GOING’S Veterinary Dictionary.


Glanders in the United States Cavalry.

We have received the following interesting circular for publication. It assists us in ascertaining the geographical distribution of Glanders, and the way in which it may be modified, particularly in its pathological anatomy, by climate.

“War Department,

"Quartermaster General Office,

Washington, D.C., December 5, 1876.

“The following report, by S. G. Going, Veterinary Surgeon, First Regiment U.S. Cavalry, dated Honolulu Barracks, Col., Oct. 14, 1875, on the outbreak of Glanders among the horses of certain companies of the First Regiment of Cavalry, is published, by direction of the Hon. Secretary of War, for the information of the Army in general, and especially for the Cavalry Service.

“Rufus Ingalls,

Acting Quartermaster General,

Brigadier General, U.S.A.”