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Selling Poultry.

1. Should common poultry be presented for sale with heads on or off?
2. Should dressed turkeys have their heads off?
3. Should geese and ducks have heads on or off?

Ans.—1, 2 and 3. There are, of course, different customs followed on different markets, but the general rule is to leave the heads on all dressed poultry. In fact, they should be left on.

Breeding for Beef and Milk—The Use of Lime.

As I consider you one of the best authorities on agricultural topics, I would like to ask a few questions through your Questions and Answers columns.

1. Do you consider it a good practice to mate Holstein cows with a Hereford bull, thus combining dairying and beef?
2. Would naturally strong clay loam land, which will produce 40 bushels of wheat per acre, and other crops equally as well, be greatly benefited by an application of lime?
3. Is it true that red clover will produce good crops of hay for more than one year if the soil is sweetened by lime?
4. Is lime of much benefit to apple orchards?

Ans.—1. Our reply to this query is, briefly, no. Success very rarely accompanies such a practice. In some cases, perhaps, the first cross might result in a fairly good individual, but subsequent matings of the offspring will produce disappointments. We would advise milking Shorthorns where both milk and beef are desired. Cows of the Bates strain of the Shorthorn breed can be procured that will produce a liberal amount of milk and still retain their beef conformation and proclivities.

2. Land that will produce such crops is, no doubt, in very good tilth, and probably supplied with sufficient lime. However, an application of lime might produce further improvements. Read the article on lime in this issue and apply the tests.

3. Red clover cannot be depended upon to give a good crop the year following its main-crop cutting. It is a biennial plant, and unless it seeds itself it is usually thin in the hay the next year. However, we have seen considerable clover in mixed hay the second year.

4. Lime on orchard land might render available considerable plant food which otherwise could not be utilized. Potash, particularly, might be rendered more abundant, and this would manifest itself in the fruit.

Piles in Pigs—Retention of Afterbirth—Horse Forging.

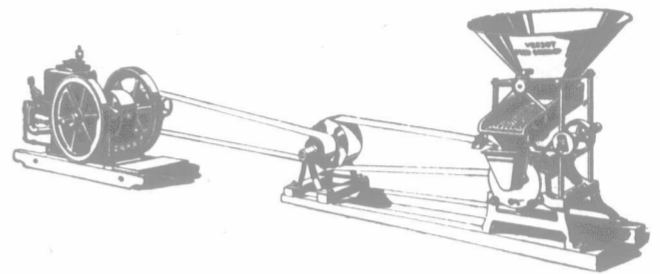
1. Kindly publish a cure for piles in small pigs.
2. Please tell us something to feed or do to prevent cows holding their afterbirth.

I saw in a recent issue where someone was asking for some information about horses forging. I have cured a couple for myself, and several others shoe with a good toe calk and no heel calk behind. Shoe the ordinary way in front, and keep them well shod, for when the calk wears off they may forge again, but as long as they are well shod you will have no trouble with them.

Ans.—1. Give each pig 10 to 15 grains aloes and 6 to 8 grains calomel. When this operates it will relieve the congestion, and will often effect a cure. If not, open the tumors and squeeze out the blood and matter, and dress with a mixture of 20 grains tannic acid, 1 ounce glycerine, and 1 ounce water. A little of this should be applied twice a day. Cold water injected into the anus several times each day will often relieve the inflammation. The animal should be fed on laxative feeds.

2. Retention of the afterbirth occurs in cows under practically all conditions. No medicinal agents have yet been found that will prevent the trouble in every case. Give the animals good care, keep them comfortable, give only warm drinks for a day after parturition, and when the membranes are not expelled inside of 48 hours after calving they should be removed by hand. This is the most practical treatment that can be recommended at the present time.

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