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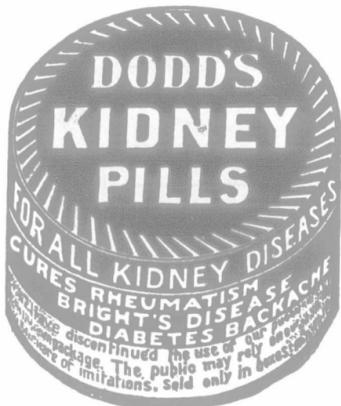
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If so we shareholders shall not be discouraged, we have already disposed of 1500 shares which means at least two million bushels of wheat, commission from which will pay expenses and carry on the litigation that is to follow the treatment we have received at the hands of the "Grain Combine" alias the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

But surely, brother farmers this cannot be your intention to provide this "combine" with funds free, gratis, to fight a handful of your own class, who have banded themselves together to further improve the condition of the farming community as a whole.

Mind you if it were possible for this company to break down just think for a moment what would be the condition of affairs.

Would you not be the serfs of the millers and traders in wheat who work together under the name of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange?

Think of it. Ye Yeomen of the Plains, strike, and strike hard with no uncertain blow now you have the opportunity to free yourself from that octopus, whose tentacles have been about you so long sucking the life's blood out of you. Why only the other day they told you, through the papers that wheat was one cent above export value, when at that time wheat was a good buy, being four cents under export price, consequently with a margin of five cents. Strike, I say—strike hard for free marketing, as should, by any possibility, this company go under, it will be well nigh impossible to float another, and well they know it, hence this supreme effort of theirs to kill our company in its infancy. Those who have not already made acquaintance with our management should write at once to the Grain Growers Grain Co., No. 5, Henderson Block, Ltd., Winnipeg, and will see at a glance that this is the very thing we have wanted for years past.

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### Gossip

#### THE ADVANTAGE OF PLENTY OF BEDDING.

Among the farmers of the Western prairies there is usual, in the fall abundance of dry clean straw, often towards spring the large amounts of the fall have been dissipated perhaps by fire or for lack of stacking or piling in large enough to withstand the weather. The remarks of Feed Box below on this question hardly need comment, the facts are so plainly and correctly stated, although some will question his attitude towards cement floors:

"During the latter part of the fattening process progress depends on nothing more than on content. The beast that eats its fill of any ration that suits the palate and lays down in peace and quiet to ruminate will make tolerable gains. Rumination is best performed when for the time being all the animal's energy and consideration is given to this one thing. Hence it is best performed while lying down.

"Balanced rations, nor palatable rations, nor even best rations, are the sum of intelligent effort. Gains are made in no small part from bedding, and a medium good beast may be waited to the land of super-excellence on a "downy bed of ease"

"Straw should be filled into the stalls twice daily, to a depth of two or three feet. Whenever the animal is on its feet to eat, the moient should be improved to enter the stall and thoroughly shake up the bedding. As often as twice daily the animal should be led from the stall and all droppings and wet straw removed and lean, fresh straw put in. On a lumber or cement floor this will be sufficient, but on an

earth or clay floor there is the further matter of keeping the floor itself dry, and the air wholesome. In the cooler days of November the task is not a difficult one, but where the animal occupies the stall every hour of sunshine, it is often a task beyond the herdsman's ability through mid-summer. Here the trouble is caused by water filtering down through the bedding and into the soil beneath where it decomposes.

"Gypsum or land plaster is said to be excellent for use in such cases, as it arrests the poisonous gases and turns them to water. In the writer's own experience he has never found it available. Lime can be had, however, always, and its use is effective. When the animal is led from the stall and the wet bedding thrown out, then all the dry bedding should be rolled to one corner and the earth floor sprinkled with a little unslaked lime. Then the old bedding spread back over the lime, the fresh straw over that, and the work is soon done. Lime has an avidity for water unequalled by any other substance and its daily use as indicated will soon dry out the stall, so far as the animal moisture is concerned. Just a wee bit of lime applied under the bedding will help more than a half day of sunshine.

"Show cattle usually occupy the stall about 22 hours out of every 24, through the latter part of the fitting period. So remember to pile in the bedding, plenty of it daily, for the idea is not to save straw, but to win prizes, and while renewing the bedding, see that enough lime is applied to keep the air wholesome and the stall dry.

"From the foregoing, it might seem that a hard floor of lumber, stone or cement was the proper thing. Briefly, such a floor is usable for dairy cattle, for light stockers, etc., but for stock carrying a heavy load of flesh they are abominable. When used for such purposes, fistulous briskets, stiffened and enlarged hocks, stifles or knee joints, and kindred ailments follow. In the writer's own experience he recalls one Royal winner that was imported some years ago. As she came alone there was much expense attached to her importation. She reached her new home supposedly sound. The rest of the cattle, the show herd included, were kept in stalls with a clay floor. But for the Queen a plank floor was considered correct, and on which she went in training for battles which she never fought. In a few months she had a fistulous breast or brisket, which grew worse with time. In a few months she underwent a surgical operation and died from the shock, and a \$2,000 cow made \$5 worth of hog feed. Moral—Stick to the earth floor and keep it in shape.

"Ventilation is one thing that cannot well be overdone, if done properly. There should be an abundance of fresh air, but sunlight should be excluded. Also the barn should be free from draught. This can be best accomplished by making many extra windows and covering the opening with burlap sacking. If the barn is already well provided with windows, then it will be enough to remove them and cover the opening with the sacking.

"If the barn is tolerable well darkened, it will not be necessary for the cattle to wear their blankets or sheets while at work—turning their feed into beef. This will be well, because it will be found nearly impossible to grow a good heavy coat of hair under either a sheet or blanket where an animal is kept stabled. Then again the amount of discomfort that a blanket can cause to an animal burdened with some hundred pounds of superfluous flesh and with the blood heated with generous feeding and high living, is quite beyond our estimate.

"While feeding some young things for one of the Internationals, the writer noticed that every morning the animals would be as wet with perspiration as if they had been out all night in a mist. Often through November it was so cold at nights that a bucket of water left in the stall at night would be frozen over with an inch of ice in the morning. Yet not an animal in the lot ever wore a blanket in the barn. Not all animals will perspire so freely, it is true, but all animals properly fed and working under high pressure will do so in the skin and all organs of excretion are active. This moist coat suggests why it would be injudicious to have the animals exposed to a draught, and the draughts

ment will make a barn dark, but airy; airy and well ventilated, but free at all times from draughts."

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