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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

COCKERELS FIGHTING.

What can be done to stop cockerels from fighting?

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Ans.—At this time of the year it is hard, sometimes impossible, to keep cockerels that are penned together from fighting. Sometimes, after they have had a good fight or two, and know who is boss, they will stop. If, however, your cockerels persist in fighting, it will be necessary to part them. At least, take out those that are making the trouble. They will soon be required for mating up in the pens, and it might be necessary for you to mate them up a little earlier on account of the action of the cockerels.

F. C. ELFORD.

OIL CAKE FOR BREEDING EWES.

As I have no roots this winter, I wish to know whether oil cake would be good as a substitute with good clover hay, and whole oats and bran. If so, how, and in what quantities should it be fed?

A. B.

Ans.—With good clover hay, and a moderate ration of oats and bran, breeding ewes have no need of either roots or oil cake, and, indeed, we should say are better without either, in so far as the lambs they are carrying are concerned. Roots are desirable after lambing, and a small quantity of oil cake, coarse ground, say $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound each daily, in 2 feeds, mixed with oats and bran, will be found helpful in secreting milk and keeping up the strength of the ewes when nursing their lambs.

NAMING A FARM.

I am a constant reader of "The Farmer's Advocate," and have noticed the idea of having the farmer's name placed on his road gate recommended highly. I think the idea a very good one, especially for strangers. Would you kindly suggest a few suitable names for a rolling farm?

A READER.

Ans.—In naming your farm, why not use a composite, with one of the following as a component: "Grange," signifying a farm; "Park," "Hall," a large building; "Manor," a large building with land attached; "Lodge," a smaller house; "Crest" or "Brae," to signify the rolling character of the land; "Ken," a view; "Men," old Celtic for "place"; or "Ern," old Saxon for "a building." With any of these might be combined a family name, or some word especially indicative of the character of the neighboring landscape; e. g., "Elmwood Grange"; "Brookside Lodge," if a brook be near; "Kenmuir"; "Braeside Manor"; "Heathcrest"; "Tara-brae"; "High-holm"; "Waverley"; "Erncliffe." Many such combinations will suggest themselves if you set to work to study them out.

LEAKING FROM CHIMNEYS AND PIPES.

I saw in "The Farmer's Advocate" of January 2nd a question on stovepipe dripping soot. To prevent that trouble take the second or third length of pipe above the stove to the tinsmith, and get him to cut a hole in it 2x3, with a slide so you can open or close as you wish. That lets the air in with the smoke and steam. We have ours open about two inches all the time, and have no trouble with liquid soot.

J. L. T.

Note.—Scientifically considered the method suggested must prove beneficial, for the air drawn into the pipe through this opening being dry, compared with that passing through from the fire, will have a drying effect on the pipes and chimney. That this effect is sufficient to constitute a perfect remedy appears to be established by the experiences of your two correspondents. I think it would take only slightly more fuel to heat a house with this device in use than without it, for a small amount of the warmed air will be removed through the pipe, cold air coming in through the cracks and crevices round the windows and doors. On the other hand it will afford a considerable amount of ventilation, which is an important consideration; so that economically I think there is no objection to the device.

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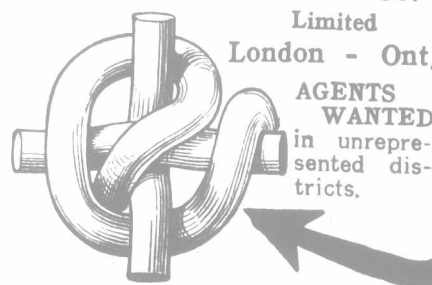
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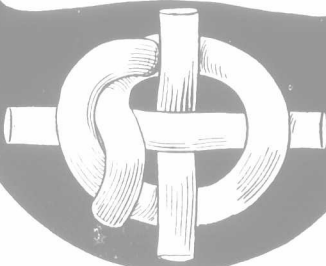
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