

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

BELGIAN HARES.

Would you kindly tell me where I could get some of the Belgian Leporide?
Assa. A. B.

Ans.—E. H. Bean, Campden, Ont., and Hy. Troy, Campbellford, Ont., advertise Belgian Leporide (hares) for sale.

BREEDING MARE WITH BOG SPAVIN.

Would you consider a mare that had been sound up to fifteen years of age, then threw out a bog spavin, safe to use for breeding purposes? Would the spavin be likely to appear in her progeny?
J. S.

Ans.—The fact that this mare developed a bog at this age should be nothing serious against her as a breeder. Should bogs or bone spavin develop in a young mare, it is an indication that she has a conformation that is peculiarly susceptible to spavin, and would, in all probability, raise colts having the same predisposition. These diseases of themselves are not transmitted, but the conformation of the parts is more or less hereditary and correspondingly liable to unsoundnesses.

CHICKENS DYING.

For some time I had noticed my chickens looking sick. They would gape and appear dumpish. One day I killed and opened one, and, upon so doing, I discovered quite a large growth directly beside the crop, consisting of a hard, yellow matter substance. Likewise, the lungs did not look natural, although they appeared to be all there. The next day I noticed my chicks were not so bright as usual, and that same day one died, and after that they kept dropping off two and three at a time. At times, they would gape and make a sound as though they were in pain, and throw themselves backwards. Some of them seemed to have the diarrhoea, and others again just the opposite. The chicks were hatched in an incubator, and were kept away from the rest of the flock. Now, could it be possible that the chicks had the same disease as the fowls?
Assa. H. E. H.

Ans.—I do not know what the trouble is, unless it is tuberculosis. That is the only disease that I am aware of that would create conditions similar to these.
W. R. GRAHAM.

Poultry Dept., Ont. Agri. College.

AGREEMENT UPON WAGES.

I have verbally agreed to stay with a farmer for seven months at \$10 per month, and also he says he will give me board and lodging through the winter.

1. Do you think this a fair wage for one who has had a little experience in the Old Country?

2. Can the farmer turn me away when winter comes, if only verbally agreed?

3. What can I demand for second year's wage?
V. Q. S. V.

Ans.—1. We are in no position to answer such a question. If a man is worth more than this, his work will speak for itself, and the neighbors or his employer will make him a better offer, but a stranger has always to prove his worth above a nominal wage.

2. It is always just as well to have a written agreement, or witnesses to a verbal one; but, of course, if there is no mutual concord after a time the agreement might be cancelled by the employee—pay wages pro rata. It would not be conducive to the welfare of either party if either were not satisfied with the arrangements, and in such a case, the sooner the contract is ended, the better.

3. If you think you are worth as much as the average man, ask the average wage, but do not lie idle, take the best you can get.

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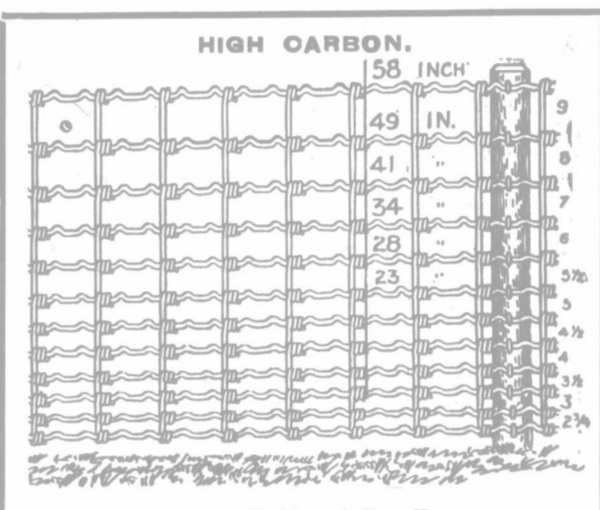
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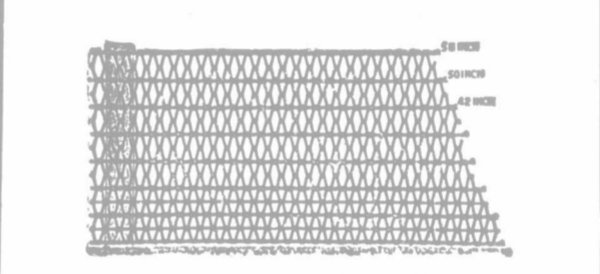
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Fig. 31

Some one says: "There is a deal of satisfaction in kicking about the weather; and why not indulge it? It costs nothing and does no harm."

Guess again, brother. The habit of kicking about what cannot be helped leads to the habit of kicking instead of doing something about what can be helped.

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