

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

## KILLING POPLARS—TRIMMING TREES.

1. Have several poplar trees along lane fence; wish to kill them. What is the best time to girdle them, now, or after they are out in leaf?

2. What is the best time to prune apple trees?

Ans.—1. Girdle immediately.  
2. Either in the winter when wood is dormant, or when trees are in bloom.

## ENLARGEMENT FROM WIRE WOUND.

I have a mare that got a bad wire cut on her hind leg, midway between hock and fetlock, which cut it right to the bone last June; got it healed up, and there was a little enlargement left. Would any of the remedies advertised in your paper remove the enlargement, or what would be best to do?

J. McG.

Ans.—Sometimes enlargements resulting from very bad injuries cannot be entirely removed. Some of the absorbents advertised in this journal might reduce the abnormality. If they did not prove effective, try a blister of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts, and tie so she cannot bite them. Rub well with the blister daily for two days, and on the third day wash off and apply sweet oil. Oil every day until healed. It may not be necessary to blister.

## THUMPS IN PIGS.

I had a litter of spring pigs which did well and were fat and healthy until about a month old, when they began to die off one by one. First symptom noticed was puffing, as if short of breath. Some lived about a week; others only a day or two. Can anything be done to save them?

D. A. M.

Ans.—This is likely thumps, a dietetic disease, due to high feeding and want of exercise. Fat accumulates about the heart and lungs, interfering with the action of these organs. The fattest and healthiest-looking pig in the litter is usually first to go. A well-developed case is considered incurable. Exercise and light feeding are the best preventives. Now that the weather is warm, give the pigs free run in a grass plot. Grass and sunshine, accompanied by exercise and access to the ground, will be most likely to bring them through. Purging with from 2 to 4 ounces of Epsom salts, or a tablespoonful or two of linseed or castor oil, according to size, is also recommended. Feed the sow on laxative and non-heating food.

## UNTHRIFTY MARE—LEGAL FENCE—LAND AND LUMBER.

1. Our in-foal mare is not doing very well; she gets thin and her legs get itchy; she bites at them until they bleed. Her time is very nearly up, and she has no sign of an udder. What would be good for her to make her have milk?

2. What would be best to get her in good condition? She gets good hay and oats every meal.

3. If mare has no milk, would like to know how to feed colt by hand.

4. Is barbed wire a legal fence for a railroad company to erect, and what is a legal fence?

5. To whom could a person write about free land to buy up around Muskoka?

6. What is good bird's-eye maple worth, and where could it be sold to best advantage?

J. F. M.

Ans.—1 and 2. Give her all the clover or alfalfa hay she will eat. Add a fair percentage of good wheat bran to her grain ration. Get her on grass as soon as possible.

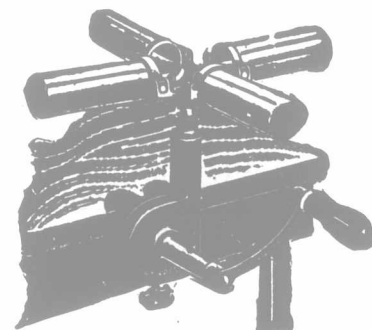
3. See article, "Hand-feeding a Colt," page 785, of our issue of April 25.

4. We think not.

5. The Director of Colonization, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, could give information regarding free Northern Ontario lands. To buy lands, it would be necessary to get into communication with some landowners in the district.

6. Local dealers inform us that there is little demand for this class of maple in this country, more than for ordinary maple, which sells in rough state for from \$22 to \$25 per thousand. Brush or handle factories might handle it.

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