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The exclusion of glass from the mails is so far modified that spectacles and eye-glasses, if securely put up in cases not likely to allow the contents to escape if broken in course of conveyance, may be sent by Post within the Dominion on pre-payment of the above parcel post rates.

CIRCULARS PRINTED BY THE ELECTRIC PEN, &c.

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MISCELLANEOUS POSTAL MATTER.

Books and pamphlets, printed circulars, prices current, handbills, book and newspaper manuscript, printers' proofs, maps and prints, engravings, sheet music, photographs, insurance policies, militia and school returns, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, legal papers, for Canada, Newfoundland, and the United States, may be posted prepaid by a stamp at 1c. per 4 oz., provided they be sent in covers open at the ends or sides, and so put up as to admit of the contents being, if necessary, easily withdrawn for examination; if enclosed with written communications, or in sealed envelopes notched at the ends or sides, letter rates will be charged.

The weight of packages of seeds, cuttings, tubs, roots, scions or grafts, 4 lbs., and all other miscellaneous matters are limited to 4 pounds in weight, 24 inches in length, and 12 inches in breadth or depth. To all parts of British Columbia, the North West, and Manitoba, except the City of Winnipeg, the limit of weight is 2 pounds 3 oz.

Post bands, with an impressed one cent stamp for this purpose, may be obtained at any Stamp Agency at the rate of 4 for 5 cents.

HORNED CATTLE.—In the treatment of dairy stock and other horned cattle, the extent to which it becomes necessary to resort to medical or surgical treatment, except for very simple ailments, will be, in a great degree, in proportion to the observance or neglect of the fundamental principles of breeding and management. Long-continued in-and-in breeding, or the breeding from sires and dams tainted with hereditary diseases, or weakened by neglect or ill-treatment, will inevitably result in the deterioration of the stock; and medical treatment will become more and more necessary, while such injurious breeding is continued. Deprivation of pure air, pure water, comfortable quarters, good and varied food, will also almost inevitably introduce troublesome and expensive diseases.

The same may be said in this case of the treatment of horses, that is, that simple remedies sensibly applied, the calling in of skillful medical assistants whenever medical assistance is required, and the keeping of the animal under all circumstances in the healthiest possible condition, will generally effect the desired cure, so that blistering and bleeding and purging need almost never be resorted to, and should never be adopted without sound advice.

SEPTEMBER.—The *American Agriculturist*, a very reliable journal, says: "Apple trees allowed to grow and bear fruit in the pastures are worse than no trees at all. After the fruit begins to fall the cattle will be more inclined to spend their time in ranging from one tree to another searching for apples than in eating the grass upon which they should feed. This is one fact which has given rise to the mistake that apples cause a cow to dry her milk. Apples if given in proper quantity and at regular hours, as roots would be given, will increase the milk, and are nearly as valuable for that purpose as roots. When cows break into an orchard and eat too many apples it naturally makes them sick and dries off the milk. If they were to break into the meal chest and gorge themselves with grain, or into the cornfield and eat too many wasting ears, it would have the same effect." Guard, therefore, against the evils alluded to.

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