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#### Questions and Answers

#### IRRITABLE BLADDER IN HORSE

(1) Horse, 5 years old, 1,100 lbs., had trouble with water for three weeks. During half a day's work he stops six to eight times to make about one pint of water or less. He eats well, is getting good, dry food, nearly no hay, but for a week he looks poor. I gave one tablespoon of saltpetre twice a week without success. Would more of that stuff be advisable, or should he get another medicine?

(2) Is the boss allowed to deduct from the hired man's wages a sum equal to several damages done by that man's negligence?

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Ans.—The reason your horse voids urine often, and in small quantities, is on account of an irritable condition of the bladder. If you can lay him up for a few days, give him a purge of raw linseed oil, from a pint to a pint and a half, according to the size of the animal. Before giving the oil, feed for two days on bran mashes with very small hay allowance; when the oil commences to operate feed half the usual allowance of feed, gradually increasing the amount as the action of his bowels becomes normal. Give the following medicine three times a day in a pint of cold linseed tea as a drench:—Fluid extract of hyoscyamus and fluid extract hydrastis, of each six ounces; mix. A dessertspoonful at a dose.

(2) It depends on the agreement between employer and man. Unless it was understood between them that damage resulting from the man's negligence or incompetency was to be deducted from the wages, we do not think that the employer could properly keep back a part of the wages to cover damages due

#### RESIDENCE ON HOMESTEAD

Would you kindly inform me whether a homesteader can live with any of his relations within nine miles of his homestead and hold it by doing the other regular improvements called for?

F. W. T.

Ans.—Non-residence is against the law unless it is with a parent, and then in the same township. It is quite permissible providing six months of each year for three years; are spent on the homestead.

#### DISPUTE ABOUT BREAKING

B hires D to break land on a quarter, and it afterwards turns out that the land that is broken is being homesteaded by another man, C, who is absent when the breaking is done. B refuses to pay D for the work because the land broken is not his. From whom can D collect payment for the breaking?

Ans.—If B has hired D to break one hundred acres and shows D where to break it or stipulates that it should be where the breaking has actually been done, then D can claim his pay from B. It seems to us that where such a large amount of breaking has been done, as in this case, and the owner of the property was not on the homestead, and apparently very careless of his rights, and in consequence such a mistake has been made, as in this case, that if C is not willing to make some compensation that the matter should be taken up to the Department at Ottawa, who, we think, would compel C in some way to make restitution before granting C a patent for his homestead.

#### GOVERNMENT WELL-DRILLING

I have been informed that if a number of persons take up homesteads in any one township, by applying to the government, the government will send a well borer to sink wells, kindly inform me if this is so, and the proper mode of procedure.

Man. Homesteader.
Ans.—The government of Manitoba has four well drills at work now in the province. The department of public works, under which this well drilling work is carried on, provides a drill and a man to run it wherever drilling is required. The persons for whom the

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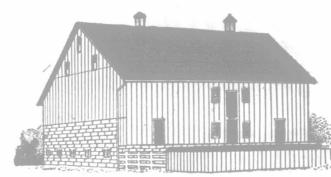
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