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If a mother is living with her son and depending on him for support for the last three years, could the father step in and claim personal property in case of her death without a will? If the father or brother is making his home with a son or other brother can the father or brother claim wages for the time they are there, provided there is no agreement to work for wages?
Sask. G. R.

Ans.—1. Yes, a husband is his wife's legal heir.

2. It is difficult to say. Ordinarily if a man comes to your place and works he can claim compensation unless ordered not to work. In the case of a father or brother it is somewhat different and we rather think no wages could be collected, but much depends upon the relationship which prevailed.

MARES NEED TREATMENT

Would you please give me your advice concerning a mare I have, which we cannot keep in good condition. She is ten years old and seems to chew her food alright, but while working she plays out about four o'clock and seems so hungry that she would eat anything, she also has a sore on her shoulder which will not heal up even while not working, but it never gets any worse.
W. G. C.

Ans.—Some horses are naturally without what is called bottom and no amount of feed and care will make them keep up for a full day, but they should not be abused on this account. The real cure is to feed such horses often but not in such large quantities. Be sure the teeth are good and for a tonic that will make her make better use of her feed give her the following powder: hypo sulphate of soda, eight ounces; sulphate of iron, 4 ounces; powdered gentiana, 4 ounces; powdered nux; vomica, 2 ounces; a tablespoonful once per day in soft food.

The sore on her shoulder evidently requires the attention of a veterinarian. It either has pus deeply seated or what is called a "sitast" either of which requires the use of the knife.

TANNING HIDES.

Would you kindly tell me through the ADVOCATE how to tan hides both with hair on and hair off, also how to take the hair off.

Alta. E. H.
Ans.—Soak the hides well in soft water for three or four days to make them perfectly soft, then scrape off all the flesh and fat; when thoroughly cleaned, put them into a tan composed of equal parts of alum and salt dissolved in hot water, seven pounds of alum and salt to twelve pounds of water; or in these proportions; they should be left in this brine for two days after which hang them up and scrape or shave well to soften. After shaving well put the hides back into the brine for a day or two longer; then hang up till quite dry and scrape or shave again. After this apply a coat of oil, roll up in damp sawdust and lay away till dry. Apply a good coat of soft soap and lay away again in sawdust. As scraping is the main operation in softening a skin it should be well worked again when dry. Two men drawing the skin back and forth over a strong pole will impart a pliability to it. The hair may be removed by giving the hide an application of lime wash. Fold it up and leave in a warm place until there is a slight smell of putrefaction, when it is taken out and the hair scraped off. The job is far from pleasant. Tan in the same way directed above. If you have any number of hides to tan by all means send them to a tannery. The directions here given are necessarily too brief to guide you much in tanning operations. You will be better suited to get a copy of the American Tanner (price 25c at this office.)

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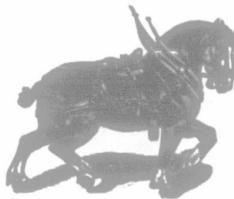
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