

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

BLUE SPOTS ON PURE-BRED YORKSHIRE.

I purchased a pure-bred Yorkshire boar, and on looking him over, I found three small blue spots near the root of the tail. Have used him, and find that his get in some cases have small blue spots on them. As to his breeding, what do these spots indicate? Would they injure him as a show pig? W. Ninga, Man.

Ans.—A few blue spots are permissible on a pure-bred Yorkshire, as long as they are covered with white hair. The old English Yorkshire, from whence the modern Yorkshire originated, was characterized by having blue spots on the body, and in the show-ring to-day a few of these spots are not a serious objection, but are rather considered by some to be a mark of strong breeding.

BEST GRASS TO SEED IN SHADE.

I have an acre of land close to my house, which is at present grown over with white poplar; the trees are about 3 to 4 inches in diameter, and are about 6 to 10 feet apart. I have had this all underbrushed, and I want to know what kind of grass seed will grow the best in this shady spot; also how to sow the seed without injuring the roots of the poplar trees. I would prefer brome grass, but do not know whether it would bear the shade. C. A. F. Birtle, Man.

Ans.—Orchard grass thrives better under the shade of trees than any other variety we have tested here, and has proved hardy in this locality. It is, however, inclined to become bunched, and for that reason I would mix some Canadian and Kentucky blue grass with it. Brome grass will stand considerable shade; but if the shade is too thick it will not thrive. S. A. BEDFORD.

Legal.

MUTUAL BOUNDARY FENCE.

A and B are adjoining proprietors, each holding a Torrens title. Each party has built a dwelling house on his property, and A is desirous of having his property fenced; but B is in no hurry to do so. Can A erect the mutual fence, dividing the properties, and then call upon B to refund one-half the cost of a substantial though not extravagant fence? Must A delay erecting the dividing fence until B says what kind he prefers? Has the municipality in which the properties situate any authority in the matter? SUBSCRIBER. Winnipeg.

Ans.—A should build his fence and pay for the same, and when B decides to fence his land and makes use of A's fence, B can then be compelled to pay his share of the value of the same, and such fence should be a legal fence, as defined by the by-law of the municipality in which such land is situated.

RETURNING CATTLE.

A takes B's cattle to herd for the season of 1902 at 75c. per head, and A agreed to fetch the cattle home to a certain point; but instead of so doing he sent them by another man who left them in a neighbor's pasture field on the way. When B went to A's herd, he was informed they had been sent home. He traced them up, and found there were two missing. B informed A of the loss of his cattle, but A took no notice whatever, and nothing was done until this January, 1904; when B received a lawyer's notice requesting payment for herding. B lost several days in the fall of 1902 hunting for his cattle. B is holding back herd money for the loss of his cattle. What would you advise B to do? Would it be advisable to pay A, or let the matter go to court? The reason why B did not do anything before is because A is not worth anything. He has a homestead, it cannot be touched for twenty years. A. B. C. Elkhorn, Man.

Ans.—B should wait and let A sue him for the money due for herding the cattle, and B can then defend his action, and put in a counter-claim for the loss of the cattle.

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