

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

#### FARMING AND DAIRYING.

I wish to secure a book on farming, with dairying as a specialty. C. C. W.

Ans.—"Successful Farming," by Renne, \$1.50, and "Canadian Dairying," by Dean, \$1. Order through this office.

#### POLAND-CHINAS SLEEPING.

Please inform me through your valuable paper where I can procure a pure-bred Poland-China boar. W. H. E.

Ans.—Is the Poland-China asleep? Someone who is breeding these useful hogs should make the fact known through our advertising columns. It seems unfortunate that the light of this breed of hogs should thus be kept out of sight.

#### SETTING HENS—OLD COUNTRY ADDRESS.

I should like to know the best treatment for hens that want to sit, and also the address of a girl or lady teacher in Scotland with whom I could correspond?

MISS GEORGIE MATHESON.

Searlestown, P. E. I.

Ans.—Place them in a bare coop, and feed sparingly for a few days. See article in this issue. Old Country readers please note.

#### FRENCH-CANADIAN STALLION.

Can you inform me who raised the registered French-Canadian stallion that took first and sweepstakes in that class last fall at Ottawa Exhibition, and was sold there to a man west of Ottawa, along Canada Atlantic Railway. He was owned and sold by Jas. Mooney, Laggan, Ont. SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—The horse must be Devin (541), bred by Jeremie Veronneau, Boucherville, Que.; second owner, Cho. Normandin, Boucherville; third owner, J. C. Mooney, Laggan, Ont.; fourth owner, Wm. D. Tuffy, Cobden, Ont.

#### MUSTARD SPRAYING.

I saw a short paragraph in the "Advocate" treating on the killing of mustard without injury to the crop. Kindly inform me where suitable apparatus could be got for field sprayings also chemical fluid used and quantity per acre so as not to be injurious to the grain, and about what time would be the best, at blossom or before? ENQUIRER.

Ans.—The large spray pump and apparatus advertised in this paper can be recommended for field spraying. See paragraph in last issue on spraying for mustard. Make the application after the mustard plants are all up, and at the time when they are above the grain crop. The spraying is less effective when the mustard plants get older and begin to bloom.

#### Veterinary.

#### PARTIAL DISLOCATION OF THE PATELLAS.

Colt, now a yearling, sprained his stifles when a sucker. The joints are enlarged, and they snap when colt moves. A. B. V. B.

Ans.—There is partial dislocation of the stifle bone in each leg. The snap is made by the bone slipping in and out of position. It is not probable he will ever be right; but if properly attended to, will make a useful animal. Put him in a box stall, and keep as quiet as possible. Blister him once monthly. The prescription for blister and details for application are given in this number in answer to A. E. G. You should have been treating all winter. It will be better if you keep him quiet all summer; but if you turn him to pasture, the field must be level and smooth. V.



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#### SWOLLEN SHEATH.

Horse that gets little exercise is troubled with swollen sheath; the swelling sometimes extends forward on the abdomen. He urinates freely, but it contains a red sediment. J. H. B.

Ans.—This is due to good feed and want of exercise. Purge him with eight drams aloes and two drams ginger. Follow up with two drams nitrate of potash night and morning for a week. Give regular exercise, and in addition to hay and oats, give a feed of bran, with a half cupful of linseed meal at least twice weekly. For horses that are predisposed to swellings of this kind, regular exercise and very low diet is absolutely necessary. V.

#### CEDEMATOUS SWELLING.

Last year my pregnant mare, some time before foaling, swelled under her abdomen and along her sides. My veterinarian punctured, and bloody water escaped. This reduced the swelling some, but it was considerable time after foaling before she got all right. She is due to foal May 17th, next, and she is swelling again. J. McK.

Ans.—In most cases swellings of this kind, before foaling, are not serious, and disappear gradually after foaling. In others, where the swellings are excessive and contain serum, it is necessary to lance them as your veterinarian did last year. It is not wise to give internal medicines. If regular exercise will not reduce the swelling, and it becomes quite extensive, you had better call your veterinarian in, and if he considers an operation necessary, allow him to treat. V.

#### LUXATION OF THE PATELLA.

Once a week, or oftener, my horse is unable to move one of his hind feet. All at once it will come up with a jerk and sometimes a crack, and he will be all right. He has been this way all winter. A. M. N.

Ans.—This is luxation or dislocation of the stifle bone or patella, commonly called stifled. Tie him in a narrow stall so that he cannot lie down. Put a collar on, buckle a strap around the pastern of the affected leg, being sure the bone is in its place, which can be told by his ability to lift the foot, draw the foot about one foot in advance of its fellow, and tie a rope from the pastern to the collar to keep the foot forward. Then blister with two drams each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Blister the front and inside of the joint in the same manner as recommended for A. E. G.'s horse. As soon as you wash the blister off, turn him into a roomy box stall, and put him to work in a week. Always give him a box stall, and let him loose, and it is probable you will have no further trouble. If you do, blister again. It is probable the trouble will recur if you tie him in the stable. V.

#### Miscellaneous.

#### SHOE BOIL—CALKS.

1. Five-year-old carriage mare, kept sharp shod, has on her front legs, near the body, lumps, something like boils, nearly as large as cups. I would like to know if they can be removed, and by what treatment?

2. What is a good cure for shoe calks? T. B.

Ans.—1. These enlargements may consist either of a serous abscess or fibrous tumor. The former contains pus, while the latter is a growth something the nature of a corn. First discover the nature of the enlargement: If an abscess, open and syringe out with warm water, to which a few drops of carbolic acid is added. If a tumor, dissect out and treat as an ordinary wound.

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